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We know what master laid thy keel,
What workman wrought thy ribs of steel,
Who made each mast and sail and rope,
What anvils rang, what hammers beat,
In what a forge and what a heat
Were shaped the anchors of thy hope!
Fear not each sudden sound and shock,
'Tis of the wave and not the rock;
'Tis but the flapping of the sail,
And not a rent made by the gale.
In spite of false lights on the shore,
Sail on, nor fear to breast the sea!
Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee—
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Our faith triumphant o'er our fears
Are all with thee—are all with thee.
—Longfellow.

A ROUGH DIAMOND.

"Oh, Miss Elsie, Miss Elsie, the bank has been robbed! Twenty thousand pounds gone, missis! and poor master away! Oh, dear! oh, dear!"

A step behind her and a low voice spoke her name. She knew it at once. It was her good for nothing brother's.

"Why are you here again, Harold?" she cried, when he was standing there in front of her. "When I gave you that last money you promised to stay away altogether, and try and get something to do. Yet here you are once more, and this time I cannot help you. Why, why do you come? Uncle John would be furious at finding you here."

"But he is away, Elsie," the young man answered breathlessly. "Girlie, you must help me, just this once. I promise solemnly never to worry you again!"

"You have promised solemnly before, Harold," his sister said bitterly. "I cannot help you, I say. We are all ruined. The bank has been robbed."

The startled look on his white face caused her to cease speaking.

"Is it true, Elsie?" he asked hoarsely. "Has the bank really been robbed?"

She told him what she knew, he listening impatiently.

"I must have money, girlie!" he burst out. "I must have it! I must get away from here tonight, and I don't possess a single farthing! Quick, dear! Uncle left you some for housekeeping. That will have to do."

"I don't possess a single farthing, either," she persisted. "What is the matter, Harold? Why is it so terribly necessary for you to leave Blackmore tonight?"

Their eyes met—hers clear, straightforward, honest; his weak and nervous.

"Uncle will be coming back to see about the bank, Elsie," he muttered queerly. "He must not find me here."

No, it would only add to the bitterness of his return. But what could she do?

"I have it!" the desperate brother suddenly exclaimed. "Elsie, this news about the bank robbery is still exclusive. The editor of the Blackmore Times would give you any sum for it. He is enterprising and always ready for something startling at first hand. This is our only chance, dear."

But Elsie would not see it in that light for a long, long time. It was not until her brother had fully enlarged on the grim necessity of the case, not until he had forced her to plainly understand the consequences if he did not have money at once, that she finally consented to go to the editor of the Blackmore Times.

Harold Maitland had a smart, cunning tongue. On this occasion he had indeed used it well. As he prophesied, the editor literally grabbed at the "copy," especially after he had fairly convinced himself that his would be the first paper to publish the startling news on the morrow. Elsie went wearily home with the much needed money in her pocket. Harold was waiting in hiding for her and pounced down eagerly on the gold.

An hour after his departure their uncle's manager came to the house and asked to see Elsie. When he was admitted into her presence, he noticed with a sharp pang how wan and desolate her little face had grown.

Poor child! Such things as these were hard for her to have to hear. How he wished that he could save her all care and annoyance in the future! For with the whole of his stout, loyal heart he loved her.

He showed her a telegram which he had received from her uncle.

"Returning at once," it said. "Keep news of robbery out of the papers at any price till I see you."

Elsie read the words, or, rather, they chased each other before her dizzy, aching eyes. She suddenly tottered forward and fell in a dead faint.

Next morning huge posters appeared from the offices of the Blackmore Times, making public the robbery. Newsboys shouted it frantically from one street to another. Soon a big crowd had gathered outside the bank, clamoring loudly for the doors to be opened.

They wanted their money back, their hard won earnings, and they meant to get it. That exclusive news sold by Elsie Maitland on the previous evening to the editor of the Blackmore Times had caused an appalling run on her uncle's bank.

The doors were opened at last. The crowd surged in, presenting checks to the full amount they had deposited in the bank. They looked astonished when the gold came over the counter in their direction. Clearly they had expected to be turned away penniless. They thanked their stars for being the first. The bank could not go on paying out forever at that they felt sure.

At noon Elsie and her uncle drove up to the front entrance in an open carriage. He had insisted on her accompanying him, despite the fact that she looked wretchedly pale and ill.

All the way along they had seen those hideous posters announcing the robbery.

"How did they get the news?" John Rivers kept repeating. "Elsie, child, how did they get the news? It is a mystery to me. If only it could have been kept from them another 24 hours, I could have weathered the storm."

Poor Elsie's heart ached.

"I have done it!" she cried. "The fault is mine—mine! Oh, Harold, if only I could have foreseen all this! If only I could have foreseen it all!"

As yet Elsie had not told her uncle who supplied the news to the paper. She prayed fervently that she might be able to keep the knowledge to herself forever, safely hidden from the fond old man who believed in her. Fate would decide.

For hours she sat in a little room over the bank, listening to the persistent clamorings below for gold.

How much longer could it go on?

"Not much longer!" John Rivers said dejectedly to his suffering niece. "Not much longer, Elsie, my girl. They must have paid it nearly all out by now. Soon they will have to close the doors. Don't cry, child. It is the will of Providence, I suppose, but it's hard to get such a blow as this at my time of life!"

Presently there were sounds of cheering in the street. A well known millionaire had driven up to the bank.

"My God!" exclaimed the old banker. "This is the last straw! Reginald Fairfax has turned against me with the rest. When he has withdrawn his money, there won't be a penny left!"

"Go and see him, uncle," Elsie pleaded. "He is so rich he might be persuaded to leave it."

"No, child. I could not speak to him or any one else today."

"Then I will, uncle. Oh, do go and send him here to me! I must see him! Reginald will save us!"

John Rivers went blindly out, and Elsie waited for Reginald Fairfax to come to her. Twice this self made man had asked her to marry him; twice she had refused. He was rich, but he was also coarse. Life with him would be a nightmare, she had always told herself. She did not love him.

But now—

He was standing there in front of her, loudly dressed and looking more commonplace and vulgar than ever. How could she appeal to this boorish parvenu? She must, though; she had worked the mischief, and she must right it if possible.

At the end of another five minutes she was telling him everything—all about her brother and her selling the news of the robbery to the editor. He listened in silence. She humbled herself to the dust before him and begged him not to withdraw his money from the bank.

He smiled queerly.

"You twice asked me to be your wife," she wound up feverishly, "and I refused you. Would you still marry me, Mr. Fairfax? Oh, do answer! If I said 'yes,' would you still marry me?"

The smile broadened.

"Am I to understand that you are proposing to me, Miss Maitland?" he asked.

"Don't seek to humble me any more; don't, don't!" she cried. "I have fallen far enough!"

"Yes," he said, "it must indeed be a terrible fall for the proud Miss Maitland to offer herself to me! You offer to become my wife if I will only leave my money in your uncle's bank. Considering that I love you—and that you love some one else—it is rather hard on me, isn't it?"

"Oh, don't, don't! If you only knew how I loathe myself for having said all this to you! You are quite right to refuse me. How dare I ask you—or any man—to take me under such conditions? You are quite right to refuse me."

"I don't know," he answered slowly. "If you did not love another man already, it might have been different. But as it is—yes, I certainly won't marry you, Miss Maitland. You have humbled yourself to me unnecessarily. You cannot know me very well when you imagine that I had come to withdraw my support from your uncle at such a time as this. Instead, I had merely come to place the further sum of $50,000 to my account. The public knows it already, and the paying into the bank of such a large sum has restored confidence."

Ere she had time to speak he was gone.

But the bank was saved! The bank was saved! A man she had always despised in her heart had come forward and saved it. Why—why had she never been able before to see the fine nature which lurked beneath a somewhat boorish exterior?

The excitement of that day was followed by a long illness for her. When she returned to life once more it was to find her uncle in better spirits than she could ever remember him.

"All the doing of Reginald Fairfax, Elsie, my girl!" the old banker said gleefully. "He stuck to me right through, child, when every one else failed me, and his example saved the bank."

He had further persuaded old John Rivers to make a partner of his long trusted manager. He was therefore in a position at last to ask Elsie's hand in marriage. When he asked her she answered, "Yes."

Some months after their marriage Elsie received another visit from her brother Harold. He was altogether a different person. He was going to America, and had come to make a confession to her.

He had sold his knowledge of their uncle and the bank to a certain gang of thieves for a large sum of money, but he had never known a happy minute since, and he had never touched a farthing of the ill gotten cash. He was going to America now to start life in earnest, and when his sister asked him where he had found the necessary funds he told her that the donor was Reginald Fairfax.—Chicago Herald.

The Use of Hot Drinks.

Hot drinks have come into wide use during late years among persons afflicted with indigestion. A tepid fluid exerts a marked sedative influence on the gastric mucous membrane and often relieves the painful sensations following the meals of a chronic dyspeptic.

Less recognized perhaps is the influence of hot drinks on the motor functions of the stomach. In the ordinary course of events nothing remains in the stomach six hours after a meal, and the presence of alimentary debris after that period indicates the presence of some degree of muscular paresis. This condition of things may be greatly benefited by the use of hot water with or immediately after meals, but in chronic cases permanent benefit can only be obtained by perseverance, the treatment being methodically carried out for some months.

As might be anticipated, the hot water treatment does not ameliorate the secretory defects in the same degree as the muscular weakness, but by maintaining the stomach in a hygienic condition we may, at any rate, hope to check further degradation of the peptic glands. The temperature of hot drinks should be from 105 to 110 degrees F.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Cause For Blueness.

The clubman was looking particularly blue, and when asked by his clubmates for the cause, he said:

"This evening, just after dark, as I was coming down to the club, walking along, thinking of nothing in particular, I was hit in the back by what seemed to be a locomotive and knocked sprawling into the gutter. It was muddy there, and when I had collected my scattered senses I was all covered with dirt and also very mad. I looked around to see what hit me and found a young man and a safety bicycle on the pavement, all tangled up. I was mad, as I said before, and, without stopping to think what I did, I took that young man by the coat collar and kicked him off the pavement. Then I jumped on the bicycle, smashed all the spokes out of the wheels and generally disfigured it."

Here the gentleman stopped, and one of his audience said:

"Well, why should that make you feel as you do? You did just the right thing."

"I suppose I hadn't ought to feel so," said the speaker; "but, you see, it was my boy and my bicycle."—Pearson's Weekly.

Newfoundland is remarkable for its lakes and pools. They are of all sizes, shapes and depths, from tiny pools to immense sheets of water over 50 miles in length.

THE WHISTLING BOY.

Is there a sound in the world so sweet on a dark and dreary morn,
When the gloom without meets the gloom within, till we wish we'd not been born,
As the sound of a little barefoot boy gayly whistling in the rain,
While he drives the cows to pastures green down the path in the muddy lane?

The joy of a boy is a funny thing, not dampened by autumn rain.
His clothes and his hands and his sturdy feet are not spoiled by grime or stain.
The world to him is a wonderful place that he means some day to explore,
If there's time to play and plenty to eat, who cares if the heavens pour?

Oh, that cheery trill of a heart as fresh as the drops that clear the air,
Brings a smile to our lips and clears the soul of the gloom that brooded there,
And we bless the boy as he spats along through rivers of rain and mud,
For the hope and cheer in that whistled note would rainbow the sky in a flood.
—Celia S. Berkstresser in Ladies' Home Journal.

CAUGHT IN A STORM.

"There are some advantages," said Ronald meditatively, "in being a cousin, after all."

He addressed Angelica, who sat opposite him. All about them was deep blue serenity—on one hand stretching away distantly into long shining masses of greenish brown rocks, with ragged cliffs towering above them. Angelica's hands were thrust into the pockets of a provoking reefer coat, her hat was tilted a little forward and the breeze darted in among her curls, tossing them merrily about her face. She was a diminutive person in all respects save two, which two were particularly large, brilliant, languishing and in every way dangerous.

"But, on the whole, Angelica," added Ronald deliberately, "I regret that I am in any way related to or connected with you."

"Ronald," she exclaimed, "I really cannot allow you to be so flattering."

"A cousin is a nondescript, variable sort of being—at times an absolute stranger, at others a sort of secondhand brother—in that capacity extremely useful. Of course that is something, but still"—

"I think it's a great deal, but I see you are the same as ever. You always were a greedy little boy," said Angelica.

"Thanks. You, on the other hand, were rather nicer as a little girl than you are now—in some ways—oh, you could still be nice if you tried!"

"If I tried! How funny! I shouldn't know—you see most people think"—she regarded her shoes inquiringly.

"I dare say, but I am not 'most people.' I stand alone."

"I thought you were sitting down," interrupted Angelica. She certainly was provoking today. "And I wasn't aware that you were alone, but perhaps I don't count."

"My dear, that's the worst of it. You do count, and there's no one else in the world who does. I just worship you, Nan! Have I startled you?"

"Not at all," she answered politely. "You see, they all say that, or something equivalent." She turned her head a little and dabbled in the water with her hand.

"Oh, yes, I know! Of course, I'm a presumptuous fool. All the same I have thought lately"— He paused and then added, "Do you remember last week, at Cowes?"

"Yes," said Angelica radiantly. "On that afternoon—I don't mind telling you, Ronald—I very seriously considered falling in love with you. There is a yacht quite close to us," she added hastily. "I considered, and after due deliberation decided"—

"Well, Nan?"

"Not to fall in love with any one at all."

"You mean"—

"Ronald, if you don't row, how can I steer? We don't want to be swamped. Love is so inconvenient."

"You're pulling the wrong rope. I confess I don't quite see how"—

"Well, it doesn't always go with other things."

"But is it not worth more than—other things?"

"Ronald," replied Angelica somewhat irrelevantly, "have you any idea of the price of a Paris hat?"

"The left rope again. Ah, now we're safe! A Paris hat? I—well, I have heard that they're something ridiculous."

"They are—absolutely ridiculous. That fact alone," said Angelica solemnly, "is enough to make any thought of love impossible and wicked."

"Except for any one with a heart, with a soul, composed in fact of anything but shallowness and vanity!"

"My dear boy, if you go on," she said encouragingly, "you will in time make the most accomplished flatterer of the age."

"Don't jest with me, Nan. It's nothing to you perhaps, but to me it's everything. I love you. If you knew what the word meant," he burst out vehemently, "you could not sit there coolly breaking my heart in your hands."

"Hush! Not so loud. Yes; I know I'm wicked (penitently). I oughtn't to be here with you at all when I'm going to marry some one else."

"You're going to —. Nan, is this true?"

"Mr. Rathbone," said Angelica drooping.

"Are you engaged to him?"

"He will ask me tonight."

"How do you know that?" curtly.

"Oh; Ronald, don't be so absurd! How do I know?"

This was convincing.

"Well, he's a consummate fool," said Ronald savagely.

"Thanks," she murmured.

"And, moreover, he could not possibly love you"—

"Thanks once more."

"Or any one else except himself; but, of course, I see that he has advantages. Oh, don't trouble to explain what they are! I see them. How pleased every one will be, especially mamma! It will all be quite delightful."

There was a silence. The sun had disappeared and the blue sky had turned to gray.

"It's not so pleasant as it was, is it?" inquired Angelica presently.

"No," shortly.

"I felt a drop of rain. Are we far from home, Ronald?"

"Yes; about three miles."

"Oh, dear! Are we? Why don't you turn quickly, then? Don't you see it's going to be wet?"

"I thought you were steering," rudely.

"You might help me," she said plaintively, tugging at the rope.

He gave a swift stroke or two, and they swung round. There were angry masses of clouds drifting toward them over an uneasy, ruffled sea.

"Why don't you row faster? We shall never get home!" she exclaimed petulantly.

"The tide is strong and the wind is against us. I'm doing my best."

"Ronald, what was that? Oh, don't say it's lightning! I'm more afraid of it than anything in the world. Oh, listen!"

There was a subdued but sullen roar in the distance, now dying away, now gathering force and crackling ominously.

"Ronald, was that thunder?" said Angelica waveringly.

"There is generally thunder when it lightens," he answered, with bitter sarcasm.

"But we're out in an open boat, miles from home or shelter of any kind!"

"I am aware of that."

She gave a pathetic little gulp and pressed her hands together.

"Oh—h! There's another flash! Ronald, I—I'm going to faint!"

"Faint? Nonsense!" he returned roughly.

"Nonsense? What do you mean, Mr. Grant? How dare you? I suppose I have a right to faint if I choose? I—ah!"

Crash, rattle, rattle, bang! C-r-a-c-k!

"Put that over you," said Ronald sternly, wrapping her in his mackintosh coat.

"But it doesn't rain, and that makes it m—much more dangerous, d—doesn't it, Ronald?"

"Much more," he answered mercilessly.

"Oh, how can you be so heartless and cruel?" she moaned. "You don't care how much I suffer! Men are always like that"—

"And women never, of course," put in Ronald, with quiet irony.

"Oh, don't—don't be so hard! I know I'm a wicked girl, and this is to punish me!" A vivid gleam shot up the heavens and something seemed to burst over their heads. "Oh, Ronald, (in a frenzy of terror) save me, save me! Oh, let us die together! I love you, oh, you know I do! Don't look at me so cold! Forgive me, oh, forgive me, Ronald!" Angelica hid her face in the cushions and sobbed.

"I can better bear to die with you, dear, than to live without you," said Ronald tenderly. There was a suspicious twitching about his mouth, but he mastered himself heroically, and it did not become a smile.

A silence followed. The thunder rolled and tumbled far away to the west, and presently there was a gleam more brilliant than any before.

"What's that awful light?" moaned Angelica.

"Look, dear. It's the sun."

"The sun!" She started up in consternation. "It can't be, Ronald (indignantly). Do you mean to tell me the storm is over?"

"I think it's passed by. You seem annoyed. Aren't you glad we're out of danger?"

"Yes—yes, of course. Only I thought—(haughtily) perhaps now, Mr. Grant, you will take me home?"

"Yes, I'll take you home, Nan. They'll be surprised, won't they, at our news?"

"News? What—what do you mean?" gasped Angelica.

"I think you know." There was no mistake about his smile now.

"Ronald," she said pathetically, "now you're not going to be tiresome?"

"Nan," he answered gravely, "I do hope not. But of course a lifetime is a severe test."

"You know it was only because I was frightened. It's a mean advantage—it's ungentlemanly"—her voice died away weakly.

Ronald (provokingly)—Are you quite sure you didn't mean all you said?

Angelica (tearfully)—It's so absurd! Mamma will be so angry.—Mary Maclean in Madame.

Medicinal Virtues of Golf.

Golf can be played all the year, independently of atmospheric vicissitudes, during all the seven ages of man, by delicate young girls as well as by strong athletes, and even by decrepit old men whose declining powers do not admit of severe exertion. It combines exercise, pleasure and fresh air without risk of injury to heart, lungs or nervous system, as is the case in certain other exercises in which there is high blood pressure and arterial tension. There is absolutely no danger attached to the game and consequently no accidents ensue.

The obesity and degeneration of middle age, when the biceps have diminished and one's energy is failing, may be helped by devotion to golf. It is pre-eminently in functional nervous disease that our great Anglo-Saxon game is to be recommended. No exercise or recreation is better fitted for the mentally overworked, the hysterical, the melancholic. None so helps to preserve the concerted action of eye, brain and muscle known as the psychological moment. None, perhaps with the exception of swimming, gives one so good an appetite. There is not a more sovereign remedy for dyspepsia, and as to insomnia, such a thing scarcely exists among the devotees of golf.—International Medical Magazine.

"Racing" Engines.

To prevent the engines of a vessel from "racing" when the screw rises above the water, Signor E. Putalo has invented an electrical regulator. The contrivance, according to Industries and Iron, consists of two vessels of mercury, connected at the bottom by a tube and mounted fore and aft in the ship. The vessels are about half full at normal depth. When the ship pushes forward so as to raise the screw, the rods connected with the resistance are submerged one after the other, so that an electro magnet is brought into play, the whole resistance being short circuited when the screw is quite out of the water. The electro magnet operates a throttle valve in the main steampipe, which is thrown open by another magnet. By this arrangement the steam is turned off and on. From experiments it has been shown that the mercury vessels need not be more than 34 inches apart on a ship 300 feet long.

Meant What He Said.

"Yes," said Mr. Jones, when a certain girl's name had been mentioned, "I know her to speak to, but not by sight."

"You mean," cut in the prompt corrector—"you mean that you know her by sight, but not to speak to."

"Do I?" asked Mr. Jones anxiously.

"Of course you do. You have seen her so often that you know who she is, but have never been introduced to her. Isn't that it?"

"No, that isn't it. I never saw her at all to know her, but I speak to her nearly every day."

"How can that be?"

"She is the telephone girl at central."—Harper's Bazar.

They Married.

Perhaps he repented, perhaps he did it only for fun. Said he, "My darling Ethel, what would you say if I were to tell you that I cannot marry you?"

"I would say, my dearest love, that I have a big brother who would make it warm for you and that I have some of the sweetest little billets doux that would make it expensive for you, George, dear."

"But, you know, I haven't said it."

"I know you haven't, my pet."

"So we'd better get married, hadn't we?"

"I think so, my precious."—London Tit-Bits.

LINERS LOST AT SEA.

A CAPTAIN'S STORY OF WHO IS OFTENEST TO BLAME.

He Also Suggests Why, When an Ocean Steamer Goes Down, Her Commander Is Seldom to Be Found Among Those Who Were Saved.

"There's another side to this question of the criminal carelessness of the commander which we hear so much talk about whenever a liner is lost," said the captain of a big ocean steamship the other day. "It's not the captain who is really to blame in one case out of ten even when he is running his ship at full speed through a fog. It's the public that's to blame, and I'll tell you how it is.

"To begin with, everybody knows of the rivalry between the different lines. Everybody knows what a difference there is, in the estimation of the public, between the rival boats of the same grade which start at the same time and come in 24 hours apart. The man who has traveled by the boat that comes in last is going to say to himself that next time he will go on the So-and-so, which must be a better boat, for didn't she come in a day ahead of the one he came on?

"The captain of boat No. 1 is a hero for the time being, and the company he works for smiles on him. That he has run all the way at full speed through heavy seas and fogs and has taken all kinds of risks he knows, but he doesn't say anything about that, and the company doesn't, either. They have beaten the other line, and that is enough.

"The captain of boat No. 2, which came in a day behind the other, knows just what is in store for him before he reports at the office of his company. This is about what he hears:

"'Why, how is this, Mr. Blank? You came in 24 hours behind the So-and-so. What was the matter anyhow?'

"'Well, you see,' says the captain, 'we had stormy part of the way, and when we got to the banks we struck a fog so thick you couldn't see your hand before your face, and we had to run at half speed all day.'

"'Ahem!' one of the owners will say. 'Ahem! It's a bad thing, Mr. Blank, for us to be beaten 24 hours by the So-and-so.'

"Captain Blank says no more, but feels that he has been reproved, and he remembers it on the next trip. The sea may be running mountains high and the fog may be so thick you can't see the funnel from the bridge, but he is bound to get in on time this trip, and he does. The owners of the line smile on him. So he knows what he is required to do and goes on making record trips.

"It is the public, you see, which the company has got to please if it is to exist, and the captain has to please the company. Some day he does this once too often. He collides with another ship in a fog, maybe, or runs on the rocks. Perhaps the natural love of life or the thought of a helpless family keeps him from deliberately going to the bottom with the ship, but he knows that his career is at an end.

"The board sits on the case, and if there is any evidence to show that the accident was due to the carelessness of the commander in running at full speed in thick weather, or whatever the case may be, he is reprimanded and his certificate suspended for some months at least. When at last he gets the certificate back, it has a hole punched in it.

"Now let us suppose that he has been a faithful servant of the company for a good while, and they like him and decide to transfer him to another ship and give him a chance for usefulness. This new ship has to be insured, of course, before she goes to sea. The underwriters make their examination, and in the course of their inquiries there comes up the question as to who is the captain of the ship.

"When they hear the name, they will probably say: 'Why, let us see! Isn't he the man who sunk the So-and-so? Yes? Oh, we can't take any risks on a ship commanded by Captain Blank! Put another commander in his place and it will be all right.'

"The company is therefore obliged to dismiss Captain Blank. Then he starts out to find another situation. His certificate, you remember, has a hole in it. He goes to see the owners of another line. As soon as they hear his name they say:

"'Oh, yes. Didn't you command the So-and-so?'

"'Yes, I commanded that boat.'

"'Humph! Very sorry, captain, but we haven't anything just now. If we should have anything, we will let you know.'

"This scene is repeated at one steamship office after another on both sides of the water."

The captain leaned his elbows on the table. "Do you wonder," he said after a pause, "that generally when a liner is lost at sea her commander isn't among the saved? But mark my words," he added, rising, "in almost every disaster, when the cry of negligence is loudest, it's the public that's to blame and not the captain, who only does what he is obliged to do."—New York Sun.

Did Prussians Fight the Greeks?

It has been denied that German officers took part in the actual fighting in the Greco-Turkish war, so it is well to point out that there are two allusions in a book, "The Greco-Turkish War of 1897," to their action, and a quotation from "an account written by Grumbkow Pasha, Prussian artillery instructor to the Ottoman army," who "had been sent to the army to supervise the armament and ammunition," but "without holding any definite command." General von Grumbkow on April 23 commanded the ten squadrons of cavalry and the horse artillery battery which started for Larissa, and, after he had been re-enforced, the three regiments of cavalry which entered that town. It is a curious fact related by the German officer in question that he set a Greek against the wall with the intention of shooting him and was prevented from doing so by Turkish orders.—Athenaeum.

Utterly Obtuse.

"That there city husband of Minnie's," said the innocent old man with the vandeville whiskers, "is one of the pleasantest fellers goin. Why, I hadn't been settin chattin in his office with him more'n a quarter hour 'fore he told me three times to come in an see him again."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Case of Necessity.

"Doctor, do you think you'll pull him through?"

"Pull him through? Of course I'll pull him through. He's insured for a hundred thousand."

"But I don't see"—

"You don't, eh? Well, it's in our company."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The sudden changes of climate encountered by soldiers when troops are moved from one quarter of the world to another are estimated as increasing the annual mortality of Europe by 50,000 men.

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SPAIN ought to be thankful to Uncle Sam for placing her in a position where she can reduce her standing army.

GENERAL STEWART L. WOODFORD will be sent back to Spain as Minister. The chances are that the haughty Dons will treat him with more courtesy than they did on his departure from there last spring.

IF the Oregon and Iowa had been ordered to sail to Manila via the Suez canal the peace commission would have been able to complete its work long ago. These two powerful battleful ships sailing past Gibraltar would have caused the dons to open their eyes and had a tendency to have brought them to their senses.

GIDEON W. MARSH, formerly president of the Keystone bank of Philadelphia, was on Tuesday sentenced to undergo imprisonment for twelve years and three months at Cherry Hill. Mr. Marsh had been a fugitive from justice for seven years and a short time ago returned and gave himself up and plead guilty to the indictments found against him.

THERE will be a contest in the Erie Crawford Congressional district. Mr. Higgins of Erie has asked Governor Hastings to withhold the certificate of election from Mr. Gaston, the Democrat from Crawford, who claims to be elected by a plurality of 84 votes. Mr. Higgins claims that enough fraudulent votes were cast for Mr. Gaston to give him an apparent plurality, but if these fraudulent votes were thrown out he (Mr. Higgins) would have a plurality.

FORTUNE seems to favor the Democratic party. Their doctrine of free trade and free silver has received such a setback in the last two years that they were loth to mention either in their discussions. But right in their present straits come two questions over which they can argue and fume to their hearts' content—the Nicaragua canal and the question of territorial expansion. On these questions they will feel perfectly at home and in discussing them can continue to make themselves ridiculous before the country.

WHEN the battleships Oregon and Iowa and the gunboat Helena, now on their way to Manila, shall have joined Admiral Dewey's fleet that gallant officer will have under his command fourteen powerful fighting ships, not including the three Spanish vessels of war recently raised in Manila harbor. This naval force is far superior in offensive and defensive power to any Asiatic squadron flying European colors, that of Great Britain alone excepted. More and bigger guns and more and better ships will afford the surest guaranty of non-interference with Federal plans in the far east.—Lancaster Examiner.

THE increase of our merchant marine and the building of a ship canal across the Isthmus are two important things that Congress ought to attend to at the first opportunity, and not desist until both are accomplished facts. The large export trade which this country is enjoying at the present time and which is bound to increase will warrant Congress in giving subsidies to our ship builders and thus assist in increasing the merchant marine, and if properly fostered would give employment to thousands of American seamen. The duty of Congress in this matter is plain. Second, the long and tedious trip of the Oregon around Cape Horn has been an object lesson that should be heeded at once and no time should be permitted to elapse until means are adopted for the construction of a ship canal across the Isthmus. The situation of the nation demands it now more than ever.

COL. ROGERS, in the Kane Republican of Wednesday, in terse and forcible language thus sums up the action of the county auditors in surcharging the county commissioners: "The Judge closed his decision by surcharging Commissioner W. A. Young for both county and poor district, the sum of $[illegible].67; Commissioner Hungiville $61.36; and Commissioner Davis $42 65. This will hardly cover the cost of extra time put in by the county auditors last winter. They were in the neighborhood of two months and a half doing work which ought not to have taken over thirty days at the outside. Each one of these three auditors drew from the county treasury a hundred dollars more than they earned. They are a law unto themselves, however, and no one can prevent them from stretching out their job to any length, although a few years ago auditors were ashamed to spend more than thirty days balancing up the year's business.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12, 1898.

President McKinley does not regard himself as personal guardian of Congress, as Mr. Cleveland did. Therefore he and almost the entire Cabinet, together with members of their families will go South to-morrow, to be away from Washington eight days, without any fear that Congress will be guilty of anything very naughty while they are away. His long service in Congress makes President McKinley know how to treat that body in such a manner as to keep the good will of its members, regardless of party. It is always a good thing to be able to put yourself in a man's place when you are dealing with him—equally good for both parties, as it tends to treating the other fellow as you would like to be treated yourself. This trip will be a vacation for President McKinley and no duty will be neglected, as the original copy of the treaty of peace, signed Saturday night, cannot possibly reach Washington before he gets back.

Speaker Reed uses his wit without regard to the status of those who happen to be with him when he sees an opening for it. He was the guide of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and a number of members and attaches of the Canadian American Joint High Commission in their tour of the capitol the day that Chairman Dingley entertained them at a luncheon in his committee room. Mr. Reed procured his visitors admittance into numerous rooms that would not have been opened to ordinary visitors, or in fact to hardly anybody except upon an order from the Speaker. This was appreciated by Sir Wilfrid, but when there was a slight delay at the dining room entrance, owing to some confusion in arranging the tables and chairs, he thought to have a little fun at the Speaker's expense by saying, "Your authority here, Mr. Reed, doesn't seem seem to be absolute." The Speaker's eyes twinkled as he replied in his customary drawl: "Oh, it isn't hair-trigger, but it will be all right in a minute." The delay was forgotten in the laughter which followed.

The House showed its intention to make this a business session by passing two bills—the deficiency appropriation bill and the anti-scalping bill—during its first week, and it is now pegging at the D. C. appropriation bill.

Representative Berry of Kentucky, although a Democrat, is a red hot expansionist. He said: "If we do not grow, there will be decay. Growth brings life, energy and development. As to the Philippines, I think a military government should continue for a year until we can determine what kind of a permanent government is applicable."

The House Census committee held its first meeting, this session to day, and got right down to business. Chairman Hopkins of the committee says he hopes to be able to report a bill before the Christmas recess. The Census bill that was passed by the Senate at the last session does not seem to meet the views of the members of the House committee in a number of more or less important particulars, but it has not yet been decided whether to amend the Senate bill, or to report an entirely new measure. One thing appears to be absolutely certain—the employes of the Census Bureau will not be put under civil service rules.

In response to a request from Admiral Dewey, a number of light draft gunboats will be sent to him, they being more suitable to the work of cruising among the numerous Philippine islands than the large vessels he now has, the most of which will be ordered home as fast as they can be spared.

Christmas packages may be sent to United States soldiers in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines without the payment of tariff duties imposed upon other merchandise sent to those islands. By direction of President McKinley, the War Department has issued an official order to that effect.

Senator Morgan to-day called up his Nicaragua Canal bill, which now has exclusive right of way in the Senate until disposed of. He says he will push it until it is passed. There is no doubt of its passage as soon as a vote is reached. This bill makes this government, Nicaragua and Costa Rica the sole owners of the stock of the Maritime Canal Company, which holds a concession to build the Canal, a majority of the stock to be held by this government, which is to guarantee $100,000,000 in the bonds of the company to be used in the construction of the Canal, with the exception of $5,000,000 to be paid to the present stockholders of the company for their concession and to recompense them for money they have already spent on the Canal. The President alone will have authority to issue these bonds and he may suspend their issue at any time he deems it prudent to do so. There is a strong lobby in Washington working against this bill, both openly and secretly. The secret work is the most dangerous, because it is apparently in the interest of building the Canal and only against this particular bill; in reality it is against the building of the Canal.

MANUFACTURING EGGS.

To know what ingredients are required we must examine the egg itself. It weighs on an average 1000 grains and consists of three parts, shell, white and yolk. The shell, weighing 100 grains, is mainly carbonate of lime. The white, weighing 600 grains, is one of the purest forms of what we call albumen. The yolk, weighing 400 grains, consists of oil, albumen, phosphate of lime and traces of sulphur, iron, etc. In fact, an egg contains everything essential to the manufacture of a chick. All the materials required for making muscle, bone, feathers, etc., must be in the egg, for in incubation nothing is added and every one who eats an egg for his breakfast eats animal food—eats an embryo chick, more nutritious, or at least more easily assimilated food than so much weight of beef steak. Of course the production of such rich food must make heavy drafts on the hen, and no mill can turn out a rich grist unless the hopper is kept well supplied.

These several ingredients in the egg the hen gets from what she eats and gets it from the organic matter she eats. Grit in its various forms she uses to grind her food and not to build up her body or to make eggs out of. The oil, or fatty substance needed, is found in greatest proportion in seeds, chiefly in corn. The albumen, which is a nitrogenous substance, is found also in grain to a limited extent, more in wheat than in corn, and in still larger proportions in wheat bran and linseed meal. The chief source of albumen in winter feed is clover hay, milk and meat. The latter is furnished in the form of meat meal, canned refuse meat, green cut bone, etc. The shell material is found in all the grains, but principally in oats and wheat bran. It is contained also in milk and in the grasses and clover. In summer clover, green grass, vegetables, bugs, worms, seeds and the cultivated grains furnish the egg factory with needful grists to hens with free range. In winter much of this supply is cut off and must be supplied by the owner of the hen if he expects business to prosper.

Incidentally it should be mentioned that about three-fourths of the contents of an egg consists of water and in this the substances named above are suspended. It will at once appear that water is essential to egg making.—Farm Journal.

Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made and that, too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus write W. C. Hamnick & Co. of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at A. B. Armstrong & Co's drug store. Regular size 50c and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

Many a household is saddened by death because of the failure to keep on hand a safe and absolutely certain cure for croup such as One Minute Cough Cure. See that your little ones are protected against emergency. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

WANTED—Permanent homes for five boys and one girl, ranging in age from five to fifteen years. Apply to County Commissioners, or T. H. Ryan, Smethport, Pa.

Soothing, healing, cleansing, DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the implacable enemy of sores, burns and wounds. It never fails to cure piles. You may rely upon that. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Examine well those [illegible] box coats at R. Seger & Son's.

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Court convened Monday afternoon at two o'clock. Judges Olmsted and Morrison both being present.

The list of grand jurors was called and all were found to be present. J. A. Holder of Smethport was chosen foreman. The court gave them the customary instructions and particularly in regard to their duty to make information against anyone who was violating the laws in any part of the county. The court said that he had received many letters informing him that there were many gambling houses running in Bradford and if they knew of any it was their duty to make information against such persons running gambling houses. The constables then made their returns and each one from Bradford was questioned in regard to the reports that gambling houses were running wide open in Bradford.

A nol-pros was granted in each of the following cases: Commonwealth vs William Bracey, assault and battery with intent to kill; William Bracey, carrying concealed weapons; Albert Fisher, surety of the peace; John Quirk, assault and battery; D. W. Tappan, assault and battery; John D. Brooder, surety of the peace; Herbert Spinney, Robert Spinney, Norman Stanton, John Stanton, Clarence Sherer and James Lynch, unlawful assembly and riot; Mrs. Crocker, keeping a disorderly house; William Hornsby, assault and battery.

A motion for leave to send up indictments to the grand jury in the cases of the Commonwealth vs Jessie Block and Stella Oulo, each returned for keeping a disorderly house.

The case of the Commonwealth vs John Stinson and Frank Stinson, assault and battery, was continued.

The Kane incest case was disposed of by the grand jury. The bill was ignored.

The case of the Commonwealth vs. Dr. C. P. Alling, abortion, has been continued, as J. B. Stewart, the principal witness in the case could not get here in time for the trial. Dr. Stewart is now in Georgia.

In the case of the County of McKean vs W. A. Young, Lemuel Davis and T. F. Hungiville, commissioners of McKean county, the county auditors surcharged W. A. Young, Lemuel Davis and T. F. Hungiville with over $400. The commissioners appealed the matter to the court. Monday afternoon Judge Morrison rendered his decision. It is quite lengthy, going over the legal phases in detail. A condensation of the findings of facts by the court and the conclusion of His Honor's opinion is as follows: The defendants are commissioners of McKean county and were such for the year 1897. The county auditors in their settlement of the defendants' account for the year 1897, refused to allow them credit for sundry hotel bills which they paid out while engaged in transacting county business, while away from the county seat where they resided, and surcharged them with the said amount. The auditors also refused to allow them credit for railroad fare to and from Gettysburg attending County Commissioners' Convention which lasted four days, also compensation at $2.50 per day while attending said convention. Commissioner Young was also surcharged for September 22 and 23, Oct. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 20. The court said: "I find that on October 5th and 9th, and September 22 and 23, and October 20, the defendant was in the county commissioners' office at Smethport, engaged in the transaction of the routine business, or at least a portion of each of said days, and it was error to surcharge for said days." The questions raised for decision in this case are the following: Is the defendant entitled to credit for his personal expenses paid for meals and lodging at hotels while necessarily away from home and the commissioners' office transacting the business of the county? Is the defendant entitled to credit for hotel bills paid while attending the County Commissioners' Convention at Gettysburg? Is the defendant entitled to $2.50 per day for his time while attending said convention?

In Mansel et al. appellants vs Nicely, 175 Pa. 367, the question of county commissioners' compensation per day and the expenses which they may charge while absent from their office in the discharge of their official duties, was considered. The act of May 7, 1889, allowed the county commissioners to be paid out of the county funds the sum of $2.50 each, for each and every day actually and necessarily employed in the duties of their office. This act was intended to cover all the charges and expenses of the county commissioners and to include their traveling expenses. But on the 13th day of May the Legislature passed another act which provides that "from and after the passage of this act, directors of the poor and county commissioners of this Commonwealth shall be allowed their traveling expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of their official duties, etc."

On page 376, Justice Fell speaking for the court says: "All general laws upon the subject were repealed by the act of May 7, 1889. Two acts relating to the same subject were passed in the same year. The act of May 7th fixes the compensation of county commissioners at $2.50 per day and provides: That the pay allowed by this act shall be in lieu of all other compensation and charges for the individual services and expenses of said commissioners. The act of May 13th allows county commissioners their traveling expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of their official duties. It will be observed that the first acts allows nothing for individual services and expenses, and the second act allows traveling expenses incurred in the discharge of official duties. For the purposes of construction, as these acts relate to kindred subjects and were passed within a week of each other, the entire scope of the legislation should be considered. The second act does not repeal any part of the first, but supplies something for which it had not provided. The first act took away the right of all allowance for individual expenses; the second conferred the right to traveling expenses. It supplied an omission in the first act. An implied repeal is a question of intention, and the presumption against the intention to repeal is strengthened by the fact that both acts were under consideration by the legislature at the same time. * * * Whenever the official duties of the commissioner call him from his home or his office to different parts of the county, or it may be of the State, his traveling expenses are incurred in the performance of an official duty, and he is entitled to an allowance for them under the act of May 13. Such an expense, we think, is the only one within the meaning of the act. The purpose of the legislation to exclude all individual expenses and to allow only for traveling expenses incurred in the discharge of an official duty seems to be clear."

Now, when we turn to page 371, and find that the Court below held that all the commissioner is entitled to charge in addition to his per diem is the actual amount of traveling expenses, and that it would not cover his meals at the hotels we are forced to the conclusion that this case does rule that the commissioner cannot be allowed credit for hotel bills while away from his home and office on official business.

We are free to say that without the Nicely case we would have reached a different conclusion as the acts of May 7th and 13th, 1889. Our own conclusions would have been that when the legislature provided that the commissioner should be paid $2.50 per day and his traveling expenses, incurred in the discharge of his duties, both transportation and meals and lodging would have been included. If I should employ a man to visit New York to transact business for me, agreeing to pay him $10.00 per day and traveling expenses, I think the law would compel me to pay his transportation and proper hotel bills. But while this exact point was not raised, discussed and decided specifically in the Nicely case, yet, rightly interpreted the decision of the lower Court and of the Supreme Court seems to exclude meals and lodgings from traveling expenses.

In his opinion the court allowed W. A. Young to be surcharged for both county and poor district, $307.15; T. F. Hungiville $66.51, and Lemuel Davis $42.74.

GRAND JURY FINDINGS.

Com. vs. James Matthews, alias "Yellow" Matthews, larceny. Not a true bill and county pay the costs.

Com. vs. James Jones, assault and battery. A true bill.

Com. vs. Alonzo Peasley, adultery. A true bill.

Com. vs. John Barrbo, assault and battery. A true bill.

Com. vs. C. H. Bird, larceny. Not a true bill.

Com. vs. Michael McDade, cruelty to animals. A true bill.

Com. vs. James Jones, assault and battery. A true bill.

Com. vs. Alonzo Peasley, incestuous adultery. A true bill.

Com. vs. Thomas Myrock, larceny of 20 gallons of wine. Not a true bill.

On Wednesday the jury visited the county jail and poor farm buildings and made the following report:

"We find the jail in the men's department in need of renovating and cleaning. We suggest whitewashing, painting and new wooden steps on the stairs and the same to be more securely fastened.

"The poor house buildings we find in an excellent state of cleanliness. Neat and in good shape, with the following exceptions: Plastering repaired in some parts; we also find some of the departments in need of new floors. We find the barns, out-buildings and stock in good condition and kept in a very satisfactory manner."

THE SENATORIAL ROW.

Yet it is difficult to see how the Senator's position is materially improved in its political aspect by this step. It is undisputed that he would not have forfeited any legal rights by permitting the trial to go on and leaving the question involved in the certiorari to be passed upon in a motion for a new trial and an appeal. That being the case, it follows that if a Republican caucus can nominate, and a Republican majority elect, a man for United States Senator, who, having publicly proclaimed his anxiety to have the charge fully ventilated, permits his counsel to resort to these extreme tactics for delaying the trial, that body would find it hardly more difficult to elect the same man after the charge was proved. We do not think that the thing will be done. We still believe that there is enough respect for public decency to prevent any effective caucus from being held until the trial on this charge takes place.

The public interest is, solely, that the truth in this matter shall be made known, whether it be for guilt or innocence. It is the mildest comment to say that the defense does not appear to share that view, and that the Senator seems more anxious for a re-election than he is for the vindication which an unjustly accused man can get by a full trial.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Two Related Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can get a better price for it?

Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better, so that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you get the public to know your make is the best?

If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass judgment on them and use the better one.

This explains the large sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The people have been using it for years and have found that it can always be depended upon. They may occasionally take up with some fashionable novelty put forth with exaggerated claims, but are certain to return to the one remedy that they know to be reliable, and for coughs, colds and croup there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Yellow Jaundice Cured.

Suffering humanity should be supplied with every means possible for its relief. It is with pleasure we publish the following: "This is to certify that I was a terrible sufferer from yellow jaundice for over six months and was treated by some of the best physicians in the country, and all to no avail. Dr. Bell, our druggist, recommended Electric Bitters; and after taking two bottles I was entirely cured. I now take great pleasure in recommending them to any person suffering from this terrible malady. I am gratefully yours, M. A. Hogarty, Lexington, Ky." Sold by A. B. Armstrong & Co., druggists.

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. The same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Overcome evil with good. Overcome your coughs and colds with One Minute Cough Cure. It is so good children cry for it. It cures croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and all throat and lung diseases. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. But early to bed and a Little Early Riser the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

When you ask for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of piles being cured by this than all others combined. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

A. B. Armstrong & Co. guarantee the American Silver Truss to give entire satisfaction or refund money.

Small children's suits in pretty patterns, with waist coats, at R. Seger & Son's.

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We have a
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The best in town at prices that are as low as good articles can be sold for. You can get the best goods in this line where a specialty is made of this stock and you have a variety to select from,

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Life, Fire and Accident
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W. F. SPECHT,
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In good, reliable companies

HOT SODA: All Popular Flavors,
Canned Goods,
Fresh Candy,
Fresh Bread
AT
Brasted's

RACKET BARGINS.

Don't B Blind 2 your own interest. Why pay fancy prices for the same goods I handle? We guarantee all our goods equal 2 any in the market.

Why pay $1.50 for alarm klox? We have the same at 85c. We expect a case of 8 da alarm klox this week, without strike, that we can & wil make the greatest bargin on this town has heard ov in many daiz.

We frequently get great bargins. These we give you as bargins.

We R xpecting a full line of Ladies' dresses or wrappers. You should see them, all sizes & colors and prices that will tell.

This week we will have an immense lot of fresh candies. These condies we propose 2 offer U at wholsale prices—3lbs 25c—or less foc lb. Now let me say 2 U that these R not the poor cheap trash that U wil buy at some places. I could offer U this poor grade at 6c lb, but it does not pay to handle it as U would not want it the second time. So B wise & C what U buy. We have the largest supply of candies ever in this town & we believe the largest assortment.

We can offer U this week 14-qt dish pans at 10c; tin boilers 45 & 55c—they will last as long as a copper bottom.

Remember we have goods coming all the time.

It means something when country merchants say 2 me that I retail my goods at the price they pay wholesale to the jobber.

Kum 2 the Racket.

A. E. STICKLES,
Sprague Block. Smethport.

Cash Bargain Day,
Sat. Dec. 17,
At J. COLEGROVE'S

Christmas line of
Toilet Articles & Perfume

10 bars Climax soap for	25c
Pearl tapioca, very fine, per lb	5c
Medium hand-picked beans, lb	3c
Soap Foam, 4-lb pkg, a white powder, per pkg	15c
Rolled oats, 2-lb pkg, per pkg	7c
Clover Leaf salmon	18c
Golden Harvest baking powder, 1-lb cans	18c
Heinz's 1-qt jar apple butter	15c
½ pt bottle catchup, to-day	8c
Argo gloss starch, per lb	3½c
Baking chocolate, per lb	38c
Dunham's 1-lb pkg cocoanut	30c
Limburger cheese, very finest in bricks, per brick	40c
Your choice in $1.00 gents' pants to-day at	65c
Your choice in all wool pants	$1.65

J. Colegrove,
106 EAST MAIN STREET.

Rooney's is the Place
to buy a nice, sweet piece of
Fresh,
Salt or
Smoked
MEAT
whether it be a full quarter or a small steak. And for
Fruit and Vegetables
I am always headquarters.
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MY STOCK IS FRESH
AND CONSISTS OF:
Flour, Feed, Meal,
Wheat, Corn
Oats, Hay,
Straw, Bran,
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Goods Delivered Promptly.
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S. HICKS,
OPTICIAN,
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WILL TEST EYES AND FIT GLASSES AT
Dr. Chadwick's Drug Store,
Smethport, Pa.,
Wednesday, Thursday,
DECEMBER 28 and 29.
Office hours from 9 to 4 p. m.
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FARM WANTED—State cash and time price. Amos H. Russell, Akron O.

Our Low Prices Attract Trade.

WE ARE PREPARED

For a big Holiday Trade, showing you four times the assortment of others and better goods for same money.

CHAIRS. The stock of Plain and Fancy Rockers at $1.00, $1.50 and up to $6.00 is a wonder. Special values at $2.50 and $3.00.

A big line of Morris Chairs at $5.00, $6.50, $8.50 and $10.50. This is a popular reclining chair, can be adjusted to four different positions and is just the thing for a man. We have easy leather chairs with or without rockers. Plush or Corduroy Rockers.

Big assortment of Children's Rockers and High Chairs.

Good value in Couches at $14, $15, $16 and $17. Cheaper ones at $9, but we advise a better one as they give much longer service.

White Carriage Robes for children at $3.50 to $5.00.

Fur floor rugs at $5. Large Moquette rugs, 27x63 inches, $1.98.

We place ten new styles of Chamber Suites on sale to-day at $13.50, $15 and $17. The greatest value at $25 ever shown, equal to any $35 suite on the market.

Rich line of Pictures at 10c, 19c, 39c 75c. Special values at $2 to $5.

White easels for pictures at 60c, 90c, $1.25 and $1.50 large sizes.

Come in now, make your selections and we will hold goods and deliver at any time. Freight paid.

Large line ladies' desks in Mahogany or Golden Oak, special values at $5. White beds, brass trim, $2.98, $3.98 and $4.98. All brass beds at $16. Solid oak Sideboards, $12, $13, $15, $18 and at $25 a regular $30 board. Dining tables at $4.50 up to $25.

We pack and deliver all goods free. Our store will be open every evening until Christmas.

ANDREWS & CONKLING,
THE HOUSE FURNISHERS.
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Fancy Goods
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This Stock Includes
Stamped goods
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Pin cushions
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and numerous fancy
articles for Christmas.

All trimmed hats in stock will be sold at greatly reduced prices.

Mrs. Carrie Reilly & Co.,
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Candies, Oranges, Nuts,
Bon Bons, Etc.,
at prices as low as the lowest. Candies supplied for the Sunday school trade at lowest price.
E. C. Henry & Co.,
NASH BLOCK. SMETHPORT, PA.

McCoy's Drug Store,
I. O. O. F. BLOCK, SMETHPORT, PA.

Coming Our Way

The Holiday Trade so far has exceeded our expectations—already we have had to disappoint some customers by saying, "All Gone"—but we are doing our best to have our orders duplicated in the city, for those goods that are going so fast.

Call and you will find what you want at

McCoy's Drug Store,
I. O. O. F. BLOCK, SMETHPORT, PA.

Liberal Discounts given to people buying Holiday Goods for Sunday or Day School classes.

THE GREAT CHRISTMAS STORE
AT BRADFORD.

Plenty of stores sell toys now—little assortments of every-day toys. This store carries all toys. The new toys are here—the novelties—the toys that please.

There is great satisfaction in selecting toys here. You will find the store full of new toys like these:—

Practical Toy Typewriter
Toy sewing Machine
Merry-Go-Round
Saw buck and Saw
The Telephone
Galvanic Battery
Ferris Wheel
Garden Swing.

Then we have a whole department of patriotic toys, such as every real boy wants this year.

Soldier Sets on Cards
Tin Soldiers
Toy Cannon
Air Guns
Ships
Sworps, Etc.

All the iron toys are here—tool chests 25c up—printing presses—magic lanterns—banks—engines—everything.

Dolls—more than a thousand.
Games—one hundred different kinds.
Toy Books—5c to 25c—myriads of them.

Practical Gifts—things that people keep—most people know that this store affords large savings in all such lines as these:

Sewing Machines—We sell the latest Demorest with every modern improvement for $19.50, cash.
China—A stock so large that we show 100 styles of Dinner Sets alone.
Silverware—None but quadruple plate or sterling. No prices can compare with ours on such ware but worthless, temporary ware is not sold here.
Lamps—All the novelties, including the new encrusted lamps.
Jewelry—Diamonds—Watches—Clocks—Cut Glass—Silk Umbrellas—Fine Pottery—Art Wares, Etc. The finest stock in this vicinity.

HORSE BLANKETS.

A single good horse blanket may warrant a trip to Bradford. The saving we make you will be a quarter the price, perhaps. The satisfaction of buying from people who know what good horse blankets are is even a better feature. We have all styles that are worth having, and any price that you want.

Burlington, and all other good stable blankets.

EMERY & WEAVER.
L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,
BRADFORD.

There is
No Question

About where to go to purchase all kinds of
HOLIDAY GOODS
after you have stepped into our large, general store.

During our trip East arrangements were made for supplying all Holiday demands.

We are prepared to meet Santa Claus and compare stock with him. We feel assured that this stock will please both old and young.

Come and be surprised at the large assortment and extremely low prices.

Here you can also find a fine line of groceries for the Holiday trade.

D. C. YOUNG,
SMETHPORT, PENNA.

HOLIDAY GOODS

Taking time by the forelock we give our friends the opportunity to select their Christmas Gifts now and thus avoid the rush and disappointment or slim stocks of a few weeks later.

Our assortment speaks eloquently for itself.

We emphasize

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Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes,
Smethport, Pa.

Take a Good Look at Yourself.

The best way to get a GOOD look is to come to my studio and get a photograph taken. The fine effects and finish of Platino pictures are sure to please you. "Come early and avoid the rush."

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make a neat Xmas gift. No gentleman will refuse it, and your dealer has them in stock. Don't forget this, and insist on having the genuine article.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, DEC. 16, 1898.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Hazelhurst seems to be booming.

—Don't forget the "Methodist Fair" to-day.

—Be sure and come to the farmers' institute.

—Read J. Colegrove's Saturday cash bargain day adv.

—Mrs. S. J. Gifford has an educated cat of which she feels justly proud.

—A boot and shoe shop has been opened in the Backus store next door to Purtle's laundry.

—The MINER'S most welcome daily visitor, the Bradford Era, started on its 22nd year yesterday.

—Messrs. Gifford sold their mill last Friday to the Smethport Extract Company. Consideration, $8,000.

—Ol' Man Racket is still on deck. Read his unique advertisement and be convinced that he will not be undersold.

—The 16th regiment will be mustered out of service soon after the expiration of its furlough, probably next week.

—Gaffney Bros. will erect a large Chemical plant on the Block farm, this side of Hazelhurst in the near future.

—When Dr. Baker went home to tea last night he found a young dentist yelling "pa" at the top of his voice. Cigars, Doc.

—The song and organ recital given at St. Luke's church last night by Misses Grace E. and Agnes McCoy was very fine.

—Constable Sprecter of Bradford escorted John Devine of that place to the county jail Thursday on the charge of larceny.

—Wednesday's afternoon train from Buffalo became snow bound at Ebenezer and did not arrive here until yesterday morning.

—Note change in the advertisement of E. C. Henry & Co. They advertise candies, nuts, oranges, bon bons, etc. Give them a call.

—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Warren were made happy on Saturday by the arrival of a baby girl. All concerned are progressing finely.

—Will Fuller has signed a contract to pitch for the Dayton, Ohio, club of the Interstate League next season. Dayton is to be congratulated.

—McCoy's Drug Store is right in line with holiday goods to burn. Their store is literally crammed with goods pleasing to the eye of old and young.

—To every farmer's wife the MINER would say, come to the institute and insist on your husband coming. Likewise bring your sons and daughters.

—H. W. Marcus of Olean has a holiday change of advertisement this week. Peruse it carefully and see what wonderful bargains may be obtained at his store.

—The store windows of our merchants present very attractive appearances, as though their owners had made a raid on Santa Claus and secured the best he had.

—Several Bradford gentlemen got nicely left at Ormsby Tuesday evening and were compelled to come back to Smethport. Undoubtedly they were discussing politics.

—Owing to the war that is being waged against the "pig's ears" in Potter county, many of her citizens will start on a holiday excursion this week, as court sits next week.

—Andrews & Conkling of Olean are prepared to supply every housekeeper in this section with the latest and best styles of furniture and carpets. Peruse their advertisement.

—Our citizens have taken old Father Time by the forelock this year and are storing their ice. The chances are that ice will not be shipped in here next year by the car load.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday evening the choir will sing the Advent anthem "Hosanna in the Highest" by Sir John Stainer. A discourse will be given on "The Millennium Vision."

—A number of Elmira gentlemen have organized a company and leased about 1900 acres of land around Galeton, Tioga county, and will soon drill a well on the Gideon Pott farm at that place.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending Dec. 10, 1898: Mrs. A. D. Colegrove, Mr. C. F. Jacklin. Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—Frank Baker went to Hazelhurst last Monday morning to commence the erection of the new glass plant. Frank seems to be right in the swim in securing large contracts.

—The institute being held on Dec. 19 and 20 the farmers cannot offer the excuse that farm work will interfere with their attendance. Come; no farmer can afford to stay away.

—The carpenters have resumed work on the new dwelling house on Main street being erected by W. P. Walsh. The severe weather had caused a temporary stoppage of operations.

—Early Wednesday morning Arcade, N. Y., was visited by a fire of a very serious character. Thirty business places were entirely destroyed and fifteen families rendered homeless.

—Over $4,000 was paid to the employes at the glass plant last Saturday, at their monthly settlement. Each man receives a stipulated amount each week and at the end of the month the total amount due.

—If you are staying on a farm simply as an excuse for living, do not attend the institute. But if you are farming with a hope of making a success of it, come to the institute and learn how practical farmers succeed.

—According to last Sunday's Philadelphia Inquirer Dr. Wortman of New York has discovered the remains of animals in Wyoming that abounded in that region 2,000,000 years ago. These animals were at least 90 feet long and weighed at least 10 tons.

—Last Sunday Father Miller of Eldred held service at St. Elisabeth's church. Father Cosgrove of Port Allegany will hereafter officiate with Father O'Brien of Port Allegany as assistant. The Rev. Michael Flood has been called to DuBois where he will act as assistant.

—Last week a copy of the revived Sunday Post of Bradford reached the MINER office, but was mislaid until too late to make mention in last week's issue. The long rest enjoyed by the Post seems to have had a beneficial effect as it is greatly improved under the new management. Here is success to the Post.

—A union gospel temperance meeting, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., will be held in the Methodist church on the evening of Dec. 18. The address will be given by Mrs. Wilhelmina Wilson, an able and interesting lecturer. Topic, "The Safe Keeping of the Home." A general attendance is solicited.

—D. C. Young calls your attention in a broad gauge advertisement to his immense stock of holiday goods and seasonable articles. His store is crowded from top to bottom with carefully selected goods pleasing to the eye. Give him a call and be convinced that he can meet every demand both as to quality and price.

—The W. C. T. Union's department of "Mothers Work" held the first of a series of meetings in the Epworth chapel on the 7th inst. Mrs. W. Wilson gave a very interesting talk on the "Moral Training of Children." She is an exceptionally interesting speaker. After the meeting light refreshments were served and a social hour was much enjoyed.

—There will be quarterly meeting services at the M. E. church on Sunday. Love feast 9:30 a. m., brief sermon at 10:30 followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. In the evening at 7:30 Mrs. Wilson will deliver an address under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Rev. Dr. Walker will preach at Colegrove in the evening and administer Holy Communion.

—The North East Breeze says there was a fellow in that town last week picking up tobacco quids and snipes from the gutter which he put into a sack. These collections of second hand chews are sent into the cities and worked over with a little fresh stock. The mixture is then drugged and made up into cigarettes. A girl takes a good many chances when she kisses a cigarette sucker.

—It is reported that plans are being made for a new passenger route from New York to the west. It will be a through line service and will be operated over the tracks of the Central railroad of New Jersey, the Philadelphia & Reading, the Beech Creek railroad, the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg, the Pittsburg & Western and the Lake Erie & Western railways.—Clinton Republican.

—At about 3 o'clock Wednesday morning fire was discovered in the store of N. A. Sherwood at East Smethport. The fire was near the front of the store and although it was extinguished without turning in an alarm, about $50 damage was done to the bottled bluing, catsup and tobacco stored on the shelves. It is thought that mice nibbled matches during the night and started the blaze.

—The Reporter would recommend that a hospital be established near the McKean-Potter line at which certain newspaper publishers, that swipe editorials, may apply for treatment.—Port Allegany Reporter. Brother Lillibridge, who has been stealing your free silver thunder? Give us the name and we will do our utmost to induce our mighty nimrod, Sheriff J. F. Davis, to go and annihilate the miscreants.

—A boiler at a well belonging to C. B. Whitehead of Bradford, located on Bolivar run exploded last Wednesday morning killing the pumper, John Shultz. Mr. Shultz, who had charge of a number of wells, was standing near the boiler when the explosion occurred. William Hockenberry, who is a pumper on an adjoining lease, heard the explosion and came over and found Shultz alive but he expired in a short time. He leaves a wife and two children.

—Messrs. Howard & Perley have leased a portion of their land on Kettle Creek to parties who will put down test wells for gas and oil. The lands extend well into the new oil and gas fields recently developed along Pine Creek, and experts say there are strong indications of oil. It is well known that gas flows continuously from the oil well near Hammersly's Fork and the probability is that if one or more wells are put down a new oil field will be developed.—Exchange.

—The 142-hour bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, New York, wound up last Saturday night with the following score, there being twelve contestants in the race at the finish: Miller, 2,007 miles; Waller, 1,983; Pierce, 1,906; Albert, 1,822; Gimm, 1,782; Lawson, 1,757; Aaronson, 1,739; Nawn, 1,721; Foster, 1,668; Stevens 1,579; Hale, 1,506; Julius, 1,106. Miller was married in the Garden late Saturday afternoon to Miss Lulu Hanson before a large crowd of spectators. His earnings for the week, including special prizes, are $2,450, or a trifle less than $1.25 for each mile ridden.

—Last Saturday afternoon while Mr. William Haskell was occupying a lounge in his sitting room he was startled by a report that sounded as though a pistol had been discharged. The upper part of the window blind was closed. He went to the window and found a dent in one of the slats of the blind and a small round hole in the window pane where a pistol ball had entered. On further examination he found a 22-calibre revolver bullet on the floor. At the time the bullet entered the room Mr. Haskell was sitting but a few feet away. There is an ordinance against the discharge of firearms within the borough limits that ought to be rigidly enforced.

—If you have a friend from home living at a distance, to whom you desire to send a Christmas present, send him the MINER for a year. It will remind them of years gone past and will be far more acceptable than any present that you could send that would be laid aside and soon be forgotten. But the MINER would be a weekly visitor and your welcome present would be constantly reminding them of your thoughtfulness. Try it once and see how many people you can make happy by so doing.

—The first of the week Armstrong & Co. received some goods which were taken from the boxes in front of the store. A short time afterwards Frank Rumsey left another box there containing 36 volumes of Pennsylvania State Reports of which Mr. Hogarth was not aware, so when young Harry Hallman came into the store and asked permission to remove the boxes his request was granted. The boy was shortly dispensing books to friends. Mr. Hogarth soon discovered his loss and has succeeded in recovering all but one of the books.

—Last Sunday one of our prominent men had a rather lively and at the same time amusing experience. He was sitting at his desk writing when a little mouse started on a tour up his trouser leg. He immediately jumped up and danced jubs to the queen's taste, but failed to dislodge his mouseship. He then removed his boot but still no mouse. He put his boot on thinking the mouse had escaped in the shuffle. When he got up he felt a movement in the other pantaloon leg, out came the little explorer and skipped away none the worse for his trip.

—The Medical Society of McKean county met in the Odd Fellows' hall last Tuesday night. Dr. Armstrong of Kane was chosen chairman and Dr. Griffin of Bradford secretary. An able paper was read by Dr. Straight of Bradford. After the usual routine of business was gone through with the disciples of Esculapius adjourned to the Grand Central where mine host McGuier gave them a spread worthy of his guests, and they in turn went to bed and battled with the sleep-disturbing equine known as nightmare. Well they had a most enjoyable time. Those present from out of town were Drs. Straight, Winger, Walker, Bartlett, Russell and Griffin of Bradford; Armstrong, E. O'N. and Thos. L. Kane of Kane; Burdick and Nason of Mt. Jewett.

—"Francis Gratz who at one time was private secretary to ex-Governor John F. Hartranft was killed by the cars at Steelton, near Harrisburg, last Saturday. The unfortunate man was a brother of Mrs. Lucius Rogers and Miss Ella Gratz of Kane. The deceased was a veteran of the civil war and for several years had been an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Hampton Roads, Va." The foregoing appeared in the Smethport MINER of last week and was also published in some of the eastern papers of the State. Mr. Gratz was not the man who was killed although the resemblance between the deceased and Mr. Gratz was very strong. The latter has held a position in the Pennsylvania Steel Works at Steelton for some years, but the members of his family in this locality have no knowledge of his ever having been an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Hampton.—Kane Republican.

Death of John G. Boyer.

John G. Boyer died at his home in Norwich township last Friday afternoon, in his 68th year. Apoplexy was the immediate cause of death, although he had suffered with Bright's disease for about a year and a half.

The deceased was born in Bavaria, Germany, on the 31st day of October, 1831, and immigrated with his parents to the United States in 1832. They resided in New York City about 10 years when they moved to Teutonia, N. Y., where he lived with his parents until he was 20 years of age. In 1851 he was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Pattison and took up his residence in Norwich township. The following year he and his wife went on a farm in Sergeant township and after residing there four years again moved to Norwich township where they resided until 1874, at which time they became residents of Keating township. In 1891 Norwich township again claimed them as residents, where he remained until removed by death.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Boyer, five of whom survive, namely: Mrs. Margaret Richey, Mrs. Nancy Wolters, Mrs. Orpha Mulvihill and L. A. Boyer of Norwich township and F. H. Boyer of Rochester, who with their aged mother mourn the loss of a kind, indulgent father and husband.

In the fall of 1878 Mr. Boyer was elected county commissioner by the Democratic party, and served as such during the erection of the court house. He also has held many leading township offices in the districts in which he lived, always performing his duties in a conscientious and honest manner, which has always been characteristic of the Boyer family.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the Colegrove church and was largely attended by friends who wished to pay tribute to the departed. Rev. Tubbs officiated. The remains were laid at rest in Colegrove cemetery.

Those School House Rules.

Prof. W. P. Eckels called at the MINER office last Friday, feeling displeased with the article which appeared in our columns last week in reference to the little children being compelled to stand out in the cold 15 or 20 minutes before school calls. After a few moments' conversation Mr. Eckels departed with the understanding that he was to write an explanation of the matter to be published in this week's issue.

On Monday the MINER received a short communication from Mr. Eckels, in which he said: "I have thought the matter of your unjust criticism of last week over carefully and have decided that any explanation of the matter ought to come from you and not from me. Therefore I enclose you our rules regarding the opening of the schools so that you may have what information you need and leave the rest to you." Here are the rules:

The first bell in the morning rings at 8:30, when the doors are opened. The second bell rings at 8:55 and at 9 o'clock the schools open.

In the afternoon the first bell rings at 1 o'clock, when the doors are opened, the second at 1:10 and the schools open at 1:15.

The MINER has no explanation to make. The fact remains that the little tots are out in the cold, and our esteemed professor has taught school long enough to know that it is a difficult matter to put old heads on young shoulders. Mr. Eckels seems to labor under the mistaken idea that last week's article was a personal attack upon him. It was not. The rules are what the MINER denounced, and it denounces them again. We do not believe there is any justice in a rule that locks one scholar in and another out during the noon hour.

Christmas presents for a friend. You can either make them happy or talk them to death with a graphophone. Call on Gleason.

Bells, Robes and Blankets at Lemmler's. The best stock in town. Prices the most reasonable.

Don't delay getting your Christmas pictures. Come now to Gleason's studio.

TOMAS NOT GUILTY.

The Murder of Canan Shibley Still Remains a Mystery.

The case of the Commonwealth vs. Ellis Tomas, murder, which was commenced Tuesday morning was completed Wednesday noon. The circumstances connected with this case are peculiar.

Last summer the defendant and Canan Shibley started out on a peddling trip through the southern part of the county. On the night of the 24th of last July the defendant came to the house of C. M. Rhodes, a section boss, and informed him that his "butt" had been killed near Cherry Camp, which is about ten miles south of Clermont on the Buffalo & St. Marys railroad. Rhodes in his testimony stated that the defendant came to his house at Wildwood and said his "butt" had been killed by lightning. Defendant denied this, claiming that he told Rhodes that his "butt" had been killed by two Americans.

Rhodes got out the section gang and together with Tomas started for the scene of the murder. On reaching the old lumber shanty Rhodes asked the defendant to lead the way and Tomas took them inside where they found Shibley lying on the floor weltering in his own blood without a clue to his slayer's identity. The body was left in the shanty and the party started for Clermont, where the defendant was taken into custody by John L. Smith who searched him, finding $41, a knife and a pair of scissors.

News of the murder first reached here when John Keating came to Smethport to consult the district attorney and the sheriff. Keating had viewed the remains and noticed that two of the man's pockets were turned inside out, indicating that some one had robbed him.

Early the next morning the local authorities of Sergeant township visited the camp and brought the remains to Clermont. Examination proved that Shibley's death was caused by gunshot wounds—three in all, two of which penetrated the heart. The victim was bruised about the head and face but none of these wounds would have caused death. It was evident from the wounds that the victim was treacherously shot in the back.

Coroner Sherman visited the scene of the murder and held an inquest. The jury decided that the death of Canan Shibley was caused by gunshot wounds fired by some one unknown to them but considered the evidence sufficient to hold Ellis Tomas for the next term of criminal court. The case was to have been tried at the October term of court but it was continued at the request of defendant.

During the entire trial the defendant did not seem to be excited and remained very cool while on the stand. At the opening of the case P. R. Cotter, Esq., attorney for the defendant, moved the court to quash the array of jurors for the reason that only 45 had been served and the law required 48 to be served and returned. The court overruled the motion. After a suitable jury was selected the Commonwealth proceeded with its side of the case. The only evidence that the Commonwealth could produce was that the defendant had told many contradictory stories as to how the murder occurred and that he was the only known living man who was there at the time of the murder. The evidence was wholly circumstantial as no one could be found except the defendant who knew anything about how the man came to be murdered. Tomas took the stand and testified in his own behalf. He told a straight forward story and at once convinced a large number that he was not guilty of the crime with which he was charged. At noon Wednesday all the evidence was in. The attorneys did not address the jury, but the Court made his charge immediately after the close of the evidence.

The Court said that considering all the facts in the case and taking everything into consideration he felt justified in saying to them that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree and if the defendant was guilty at all he was guilty of murder in the first degree. District Attorney Gorton and Eugene Mullin, attorneys for the Commonwealth, asked for the return of a verdict of "not guilty."

Tomas was liberated and there was much rejoicing among the friends of the defendant.

Ventilation Investigation.

Reports have reached this office from various sources that the school house was not properly ventilated. To make a thorough examination the MINER man invited Dr. J. C. Brown, who is a member of the board of health, to accompany him on a tour of investigation. We found Prof. Eckels at the school who very courteously showed us through every department and fully explained as far as possible the workings of the Smead system of ventilation. Mr. Eckels stated that some time ago they were not able to manipulate the ventilation properly, but after securing a book of instruction and thoroughly studying the same, he had succeeded in producing the proper ventilation for the building. Following is Dr. Brown's statement which the MINER takes great pleasure in publishing, as coming from a member of the board of health it ought to allay all fears of any serious results following:

Owing to complaints having been made of the sanitary condition of the Smethport school building I was asked to go through it, which I did on the 14th inst. I found the ventilation, heating, etc., in an excellent condition, so far as my knowledge of the subject goes.

The fault in the past has been, not with the system of ventilation, but with the manipulation of it, which requires constant attention. If the janitor is not receiving sufficient compensation to allow him to give his entire attention to the care of the building I would suggest that his salary be increased.

The parents of children have a very important duty to perform also. Unless great care is exercised in regard to the cleanliness of the body and clothing of their children, the air in a schoolroom soon becomes very offensive as well as unwholesome.

J. C. BROWN.

Notice.

To the citizens of Smethport and vicinity take notice. I have this day appointed Mr. H. L. Burlingame as sub agent to act for me and make information against and cause the arrest of any persons who violate the humane laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

A. N. HEARD,
Agent for Western Penna. Society.
Bradford, Pa. Dec. 10 1898.

Cold weather makes a need of Robes and Blankets. The fine sleighing makes a need of Bells. Lemmler has them at prices that are right. 3-4

Band music—the best band music in the world can be reproduced on a graphophone. Call at Gleason's studio and hear the music.

Winter term of the Clarion Normal school begins Jan. 3. Write for catalogue and particulars.

Messrs. E. C. Henry & Co. are headquarters for the sale of Pittsburg stogies. Give them a trial.

R. Seger & Son wish to call particular attention to their fine line of ladies' collars and cuffs.

The finest of room moulding 50 varities to select from. Call on L. Keenly Water street.

Neckwear in all colors and shapes at R. Seger & Son's.

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Smoke the "Yukon Girl."

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. H. Morrison visited Bradford Wednesday.

A. G. McNibber of Colegrove was in town Monday.

Robert King arrived home from Buffalo Saturday.

Councilman R. E. Looker of Kane attended court Monday.

V. Klappenbach of Port Allegany was in town yesterday.

Attorney J. E. Mullin of Kane attended court this week.

M. S. Geary of Mt. Alton has been doing jury duty this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Richmond visited Buffalo Wednesday.

Chas. Fitzgibbons of Bradford was acting as juryman this week.

Humane Agent A. N. Heard of Bradford attended court Tuesday.

Mrs. Howard Merrill of Geneva arrived in town Wednesday night.

W. P. Mulhern of Clermont was in town for a brief time Saturday.

G. O. Garlick of Kasson was a caller at this office on Wednesday.

Mrs. Lucius Rogers of Kane was visiting friends in town yesterday.

A. M. Boardman of Derrick City attended court as a juror this week.

Coroner E. R. Sherman of Bradford was in attendance at court this week.

Mrs. W. H. Morrison and son, "Jack," spent Sunday with Bradford relatives.

F. B. King of Ceres and John J. McCarty of Turtle Point were in town Monday.

Col. J. A. Vera of Custer City was a guest at the Grand Central during the week.

Attorney H. S. Rogers of Mt. Jewett was transacting business at the hub last Friday.

John R. Shoemaker went to Buffalo last Saturday to visit his sister who is reported ill.

Editor W. L. Lillibridge of the Port Allegany Reporter spent Tuesday night in town.

G. L. Swartz and wife of Olean were guests of friends in town the first of the week.

J. J. Downs of Colegrove was a most welcome visitor at the MINER office last Saturday.

F. A. Sieber, the genial mayor of Warren, Pa., was a guest at the Grand Central last Friday.

Judge A. G. Olmsted of Coudersport came over on the morning train Monday to preside at court.

Dr. John Dodd Flagg and wife of Buffalo are to spend Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. Walker.

Ex Senator A. F. Bannon of Bradford was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. McKean on Monday.

Mrs. E. H. Newton of Lafayette was a most agreeable caller at the MINER office Tuesday.

Ex-Sheriff A. B. Walker of Bradford was greeting his many friends in town the first of the week.

Mrs. F. L. Holmes returned Saturday night from a few days' shopping expedition in Buffalo.

County Treasurer-elect John W. Campbell of Kane was greeting his many friends in town Monday.

Editor J. H. Wood of the Leader and C. W. Evans of Kane were pleasant callers at this office Wednesday.

Fred B. Gratzer of Newerf went to Williamsport Monday to attend the Agricultural convention held there.

'Squire J. T. Burkholder of Mt. Jewett was a most agreeable caller at this office Monday while in town.

J. L. Smith, J. F. Keating and F. O. Livermore of Clermont were in town Tuesday as witnesses in the Tomas murder trial.

Mrs. Ella Jones of Pittsburg, who has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davis for some time returned to her home on Wednesday.

John J. Roberts of Ceres was a pleasant caller at the MINER office Wednesday. 'Tis rumored that he will be a candidate for prothonotary. Mr. Roberts has always been a staunch Republican and a most earnest worker.

Colonel Lucius Rogers was a most welcome caller at the MINER office last Friday. The Col. had not been to Smethport in several months and his hearty greeting to his many friends was highly appreciated by all who met him.

A Retraction.

We were requested to published the following which appeared in the Wyoming County Times, published at Warsaw, N. Y., Dec. 8:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Truman L. McConnell, having heretofore made certain accusations against the character of Altie J. Provin, wife of James D. Provin of Warsaw, N. Y., and being convinced that the said accusations and charges are untrue and groundless, and being desirous to right whatever wrong may have been done her thereby, do hereby declare that I am convinced that said charges and accusations against the character and reputation of said Altie J. Provin, are untrue and were made by me in the heat of passion and while in an excited state of mind.

Witness my hand this 22d day of November, 1898.

TRUMAN L. McCONNELL.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company will Issue Clerical Orders for 1899.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that the issue of clerical orders will be continued for the year 1899 on the same lines as in effect at present.

Application blanks may be obtained of ticket agents, and same should reach the General Office by December 20, so that orders may be mailed December 31 to clergymen entitled to receive them. Orders will be issued only on individual application of clergymen when made on blanks furnished by the company and certified to by one of its agents.

Holiday Excursion Rates over the B., R. & P. R'y.

In accordance with the usual custom the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway will issue excursion tickets between all stations on its line, account Christmas and New Year's holidays, at a fare and one third for the round trip. Tickets to be sold and good going on December 23, 24, 25, 26, 30 and 31, 1898, and January 1 and 2, 1899, limited for return passage until January 3rd, 1899.

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CHAS. M. BENSON, Sole Agent.
Colegrove, Pa., Dec. 6-3t.

Notice.

My wife, Emma S., having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation I hereby forbid anyone harboring or trusting her on my account, as I will pay no bills of her contracting.

J. K. STEEL.
Coryville, Pa., Dec. 5, 1898.—3t.

Clarion Normal has been fortunate in securing a graduate of Princeton University to teach the higher mathematics, Prof. Wilkinson, to whom we refer, is an excellent instructor and trains his pupils to think. He formerly taught in West Chester Normal.

Notice is hereby given that no bills for shoveling snow from the roads in Keating township will be paid unless authorized by the undersigned.

FRANK FRITZ, L. HERZOG, Supervisors.
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For Sale.

A fine pair of draught horses, aged four and five years, weighing 2,950 pounds, well matched as to color and size, full brothers.

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D. C. YOUNG.
Smethport, Pa., Nov. 15, 1898.-3t

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What conclusion have you arrived at regarding Holiday gifts? Will you spend the money you have set aside, with which to purchase happiness for your friends, on useful or comparatively useless articles? Either brings happiness. The former to be followed by additional happiness; the latter by regrets. Why not invest in something typical of your affections—to stand the test of years

A HANDSOME CHAIR, A CHIFFONIER, CENTER TABLE, DESK, SIDEBOARD, LOUNGE, HALL RACK, HANDSOME CARPET OR RUG, SET OF DISHES, CHAMBER SET, BRASS BED, BED ROOM SUITE, MUSIC CASE,

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ATTENTION!

BARGAIN DAY SALE

R. Seger & Son will on all Saturdays hereafter, commencing with

Saturday, December 3rd, 1898,

have a bargain day sale. This is no fake sale but a genuine bona fide sale. All goods will be marked down far below the average price. These sales will only last one day each week and no goods can be bought during the week at these prices. The following are a few of the bargains that will be on sale next Saturday:

- **Men's Heavy Winter Box Coats, formerly $15.00, on sale Saturday at $12.00.**
- **Men's Fine Blue Kerseys, formerly $14 and $15, on Saturday $10 and $12.**
- **Men's Fine All Wool Suits, from $8 up to $16, on sale Saturday from $5 up to $12.**
- **Boy's All Wool Suits, $4 up to $11, for this sale, $3 up to $8.**
- **Men's All Wool Underwear, $2.00 suit, this sale, $1.50 a suit.**
- **All Ties 39c and 19c.**
- **Shoes, $1.50 up to $5, this sale $1.00 up to $4.00.**
- **Cuffs, formerly 50c and 25c, for Sat. 40c and 20c.**

All other goods in our store marked accordingly low. It will pay you to call and examine this entire new line and see some of the astonishing bargains we offer. Don't forget the date.

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Only a private soldier, and
Only a private man was he.

Only a common man, I know,
But a father's heart beat warm,
And his cheeks were flushed with a deeper red
[illegible] from the dressing room was led
A beautiful child with golden hair,
[illegible] her hand to the great throng there.
The child of a private man—oh, me!
But a private man up here, maybe.

Only a private man about to
[illegible] with a throbbing heart
[illegible] from [illegible] high above
The [illegible] on, but a father's love
[illegible] the words of a merry air,
But his eyes ne'er left the golden hair
And his heart stood still when she missed
—oh, me!
But only a private man was he.

With tender hands they bore her out,
And gently laid her down,
So white was the brow 'neath the golden hair,
But the private man must stay out there,
For a merry song must yet be sung,
Though the heart be crushed and the harp unstrung.
He was only a private man—oh, me!
But a private man up here, maybe.
—Harvey M. Bate in Nashville Banner.

MME. JAMBE.

You smile at her name, finding it absurd perhaps, but Mme. Jambe—Mother Jambe, the soldiers called her—was for many years cantinière in a regiment of the line, and in this capacity she was a sort of good angel to the troops. Officers and soldiers alike all respected her.

She married when about 30 years of age the quartermaster general of the regiment. His time was nearly up, but he remained with the colors in order to help his wife keep the canteen.

After a year of married life a son was born, and Mme. Jambe and her husband agreed that as soon as he should attain the proper age he, too, should be a soldier. At the age of 16 he passed into the ranks, and, being smart and intelligent, he seemed to have a bright future before him.

But the husband and father died suddenly in 1869. It was a terrible shock to poor Mme. Jambe, and she would hardly have survived it were it not for the thought of her son and the hope that he would be a comfort to her in her declining years. Sorrow aged her more than her rough life had done, and she left the service and settled in a little cottage left her by her parents in the village of Chay, near Pontarlier.

A year later war broke out, and this was another sorrow for her to bear. She was a patriot, was Mme. Jambe, but she was a mother also.

During that terrible winter of 1870-1 she hardly slept for three consecutive hours in the 24. Always on the alert for news, she glanced sadly at the snow, which almost cut off her little village from the outer world and made communication a matter of great difficulty.

Suddenly, toward the end of January, the rumor spread that the army of the east was approaching, having failed to relieve Belfort. For nearly a week Mme. Jambe kept a strict watch day and night, scanning eagerly the road by which she hoped to see the French army.

They were signaled at last, but the Germans were signaled, too, from the opposite direction, and it seemed evident that the armies would encounter one another in the immediate neighborhood.

And now I will let Mme. Jambe take up the story, for what follows I had from her own lips a few months after the events described took place:

"One morning at dawn I heard a noise at the door of the cottage and then the sound of breaking glass. I rose hastily and ran down to the entrance. I gave a cry; my boy was there, and behind him stood three of his comrades. But in what a state—haggard, hollow cheeked, their uniforms in rags, their [illegible] in pieces, blue and shivering with cold!

"'Mother, you must hide us,' he said. 'The general has intrusted me with a message to the commandant of the fort, but the Prussians have seen us and are in pursuit. They must not find us.'

"'Give me your order,' I cried. 'I will take it while you hide here. No one will suspect a woman'—

"I had no time to finish. We heard a discharge of musketry, and a neighbor rushed in crying:

"'The Prussians! The Prussians are here!'

"I pushed my son and his friends in to a storeroom at the farther end of which, under some hay, was the door leading into the cellar, where I kept my little stock of wine and cider.

"The Prussians entered in through the open door. I saw others in the road. There must have been about 100 of them altogether. A young officer was in command.

"He came up to me and said brutally:

"'Is it you who are Mme. Jambe?'

"'Yes, I am she,' I answered him.

"'Your son has just entered this house.'

"'My son! He is far away from here, always supposing that he is still alive.'

"'He is here; I am sure of it. Come, now, where is he?'

"'You must seek him, then.'

"He made a sign, and I was surrounded and prevented from moving my position. The soldiers ransacked the house, I asking myself meanwhile who could be the coward who had betrayed my son.

"At last the brutes found him—him and his friends, and I saw them dragged out covered with the hay in which they had attempted to conceal themselves. And my son! How brave and handsome he looked, with his flashing eyes! Yes! he was my own flesh and blood, and I felt proud of him. They were rigorously searched for the message they were supposed to bear, but as it was a verbal one they could find nothing.

"The officer stamped about the little room, mad with rage. Glancing at the prisoners, he cried:

"'Is your son among them?'

"'He is not, and if he were I would not confess it.'

"He drew his sword on me, and then we were all dragged out into the road, the officer shouting:

"'Where is the man who gave us the information?'

"'One of his companions has just killed him,' a Prussian sergeant replied, pointing to a corpse, which I had not seen, hidden as it was behind a bush.

"The traitor was a franc-tireur, who, to save his own life, had given up my son to the enemy. His punishment had not been long delayed.

"'The prisoners will be shot!' cried the officer. Then, looking fiercely at a group of villagers who were cowering under his men's bayonets, he continued:

"'Some one among you knows the son of Mme. Jambe; point him out to me or I will order my men to fire on you!'

"Ah, they were brave, my neighbors! They made no reply.

"'Then we will soon find out.' He gave an order in a low voice. His men placed me with my back against a wall and placed rifles in the hands of my son and his comrades.

"And the officer said:

"'On the word of command you will fire and kill that woman. If you disobey it will be your turn next.'

"A cry of horror ran through the crowd, followed by a dead silence. I—well, I offered my soul to the bon Dieu, telling myself that I must try to show how a Frenchwoman could die if need be, and I waited, watching my son.

"But he did not seem to see me. His eyes were turned to his comrades. They seemed to be making signs to one another.

"'Ready!' the word of command [illegible].

"'Present!' And they obeyed, [illegible]

"'Fire!' They turned suddenly to the right about. An explosion followed and four Prussians, the officer among the number, fell. And above the roar of the discharge I heard my boy's voice clearly:

"'Fire! You, but on you, you coward!'

"A general volley on the part of the Prussians followed, and I fell with a bullet in my shoulder. Before I lost consciousness, however, I saw that my son was still unhurt.

"I learned afterward that just at this moment the cannon of the Fort-de-Joux began to play. The commandant had caught the reflection of the sunlight from the Prussians' helmets, and concluding—none too soon—that something untoward was taking place he sent a few shells into the crowd and rapidly dispersed the enemy."

Mme. Jambe died a few years after the events which I have related as nearly as I can in her own words took place. Her story was recalled to my mind the other day on hearing that the son of this brave woman had just been promoted to the command of the regiment.—Exchange.

Saved His Life and Kicked Him.

Park and Quirk were walking along the crowded street, feeling very kindly toward themselves and the rest of humanity. Just as they reached the middle of a crossing one of those aggravating individuals who walk one way and look another stepped directly in front of a cable car which was rounding the corner. Of course the car had no fender on it. Nearly everybody in the vicinity yelled, and naturally the bewildered man looked in the wrong direction.

Quirk didn't yell, though. He jumped to the side of the track, grabbed the man by the collar and yanked him clear of the tracks and almost out of his shoes. Then he gave him another ferocious jerk to get him out of the way of an express wagon, and, getting him at proper range at the same time, he gave the poor man a kick that must have driven his spine up into his hat. And with the kick Quirk roared:

"Confound you, keep your eyes open when you are on the street."

Quirk looked unutterably savage, but Park tottered to the curb, sat down and laughed until the tears came. Then he said:

"You are the only big enough idiot on earth to save a man's life and then kick him for it."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Death of Sir John Moore.

Fearfully mangled by the round shot that struck him full on the left breast, he was the same John Moore that we have found him in 1798. "Are my aids-de-camp all safe?" was his inquiry. Colonel Anderson, who was on his staff at the fierce fight of Foulke's Mill, had to signal with his finger for silence, for one of them, Captain Burrard, had fallen. "I hope the people of England will be satisfied. I hope my dear country will do me justice. Anderson, you will see my friends at home, tell them everything. My dear mother, my dear mother!" and then at last he broke down, and, evidently unable to trust himself further, tried to speak of Hope (afterward Sir John, and finally Lord Hopetoun), who succeeded him in command.

The last words that passed his dying lips were a message to Lady Hester Stanhope, the niece of Pitt, afterward so famous for her eccentricity, as her father had been before her. To her, to whom he is said to have been deeply attached, if not engaged, he sent his dying remembrances by her brother, one of his aids-de-camp, and then passed peacefully into the presence of his God.—Cornhill Magazine.

Southern Dialect.

The southern dialect continues to reveal its quaintness. Mr. Berrey has recorded this Florida dialogue:

"What time might it be?"

"Six o'clock."

"Law sakes! I didn't know it was so soon as that."

"Soon" in this case probably meant early. He has also put on record the answer of the North Carolinian who was asked if he had been at the World's fair:

"No. I 'lowed for to went, but I didn't git to go."

I have lately heard a bit of genuine negro English which may do to go with these examples. A young woman of my acquaintance was visiting at a house where a colored lad was kept as a sort of boy of all work. After she had been there a day she overheard a conversation between the cook and this boy.

"How do you like the company?" asked the cook.

"I like her right well," said the boy.

"Do you think she's pretty?"

"Well," said the lad, "she ain't 'zackly pretty, but she'll daw well 'nough whar dar ain't no better at!"—Boston Transcript.

Animal Peculiarities.

A herd of wild Asian buffaloes will charge any foe, even a tiger, to save the life of one of their number who has been wounded. Elephants, baboons and other animals will do the same thing in a wild state.

On the other hand, monkeys have been known to fall upon one of their number who is ill and drown him, possibly as an act of mercy. Similarly wolves destroy one of the pack which becomes helpless.

If an otter is trapped, his brother otter will run around him all night, showing the utmost concern.

A writer in The Spectator states that he has seen sparrows in groups discussing and lamenting when one of their number had fallen into a trap. Next day, when a robin was caught, the sparrows paid no attention.

He adds that he had seen a big pig try to help a smaller one through a hole in the fence paling by pulling at its head.

St. John tells of a highland shepherd whose cat brought him some edible bird nearly every day in the year.

An Impression.

The friends of a local art connoisseur are telling a tiny but fairly good joke at his expense. It seems that he was passing up Baronne street the other day with a lady who had asked him to explain the meaning of the term "impressionist," and he halted before an unfinished building to illustrate his remarks.

"The impressionist school," he said, "deals with effects in mass. Now, when I look at that wall over there I don't see the separate bricks. I merely"—Just then a careless mason on the upper scaffolding dropped a fragment from his pile of material and smashed in the top of the gentleman's new silk hat. He removed the shattered tile and gazed pensively at the wreck. "I merely get an impression of brick," he added, with dignity.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

England's "Rose Regiment."

The custom of wearing roses in their headgear by the Lancashire regiment on the anniversary of the battle of Minden originated in a curious manner. On the day of the battle, Aug. 1, 1759, the men passed through a field of roses, each man plucking a rose and placing it in his bonnet, wearing the flower during the fight. This commenced the custom which obtains at the present day of wearing roses on the anniversary of the battle.

The Sultan's Throneroom.

The throneroom of the sultan at Constantinople is a gorgeous sight. The gilding is unequaled by any other building in Europe, and from the ceiling hangs a superb Venetian chandelier, the 200 lights of which make a gleam like that of a [illegible] sun. At each of the four corners of the room tall candelabra [illegible] glass are placed, and the throne is a huge seat covered with red velvet, and having arms and back of pure gold.

That Telltale Tag.

She was a poor, plain little woman, evidently just in from the country, and she stood looking longingly at a line of gaudy purses which hung along in a row by the notion counter.

After a minute she stepped into a corner, took out her own shabby little leather purse and counted over the money carefully.

She evidently found out she could afford it, as a great extravagance, and so at last walked shyly up to the counter, selected one with "pearls" set in along the chain and a big emerald flashing in the top, took up the box in which it was given her and vanished in the direction of the waiting room. Not more than five seconds later she appeared again—her old purse tucked out of sight and the new one hanging proudly round her neck. It was almost pitiful to see her—she took so much pride in the gaudy thing—and then, more pitiful, yet more laughable, there came into view behind her the price tag, flapping gayly from its little pink string and proclaiming to the world at large that that particular purse had cost just 50 cents!

Nobody who saw that saucy tag had the courage to tell its wearer, and yet that would have been kindest too. But she vanished down the street with it still in view. How do you suppose she felt when she found it out?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Holmes as a Face Reader.

The Youth's Companion tells this story of Oliver Wendell Holmes, one of whose hobbies was to trace genealogies and family resemblances. At the opening of the term of the medical class one year, while he was one of its lecturers, he met for the first time a young man who introduced himself as, let us say, a Perry of Cambridge.

The little doctor looked at him keenly and said: "You are also one of the W.'s of Cape Cod. I know it by your upper lip."

The young man flushed and made haste to answer that he never had heard of the W.'s and did not know any person in Cape Cod.

But the doctor smiled obstinately and at intervals through the winter would inquire whether Mr. Perry had looked up his ancestor, receiving each time the assurance that inquiry had been made, but no trace of this strain of blood could be found in the family.

One day Perry came to him. "You were right, Dr. Holmes. We have found in an old Bible record that my great-great grandmother was a W. and came from Cape Cod."

The doctor beamed with delight. "No upper lip ever deceived me yet," he laughingly exclaimed, and carried his little triumph to all of his friends with as much pleasure as if it had been a long lost treasure.

"Mooshla Scoff!"

"A few nights ago," writes a Transvaal correspondent, "I, in company with a chum, took a stroll round the Native Location which lies about 200 yards from the railway station. We made for a row of huts, four in number, in the front of which wood fires were burning.

"On reaching them we noticed the natives were in the act of catching locusts, flying ants and other queer looking insects which were swarming around in hundreds, being attracted by the bright light of the fire.

"After their wings had been singed through coming in contact with the fire, the insects were scooped into a large hole dug in the sand. We waited several minutes wondering what the motive for all this could be, when the niggers formed a circle round this hole and commenced taking out handfuls of these hideous looking things and eating them.

"This, as we ascertained, formed the niggers' evening meal, they informing us it was 'mooshla scoff' (nice food)."—London Answers.

Glass Cutting.

The layman who is introduced to the mysteries of cutting glass for the first time is amazed at the amount of work that the workman does entirely by his eye. The first stage of the bowl which is to be cut finds it in a perfectly plain condition, not a scratch upon it and only a half dozen or more marks in red chalk, which mean absolutely nothing to the unpracticed eye. But to the workman they mean the whole pattern. Perhaps the dish is a salad bowl. The marks in chalk will run from the edge, five intervals apart, down to the center of the bowl at the bottom. In one of the divisions of the bowl thus marked there may be a little further marking in the shape perhaps of a diamond. This indicates the pattern into which the bowl is to be cut, and it will be repeated in each of the five divisions. All the intricacies of the design the workman has in his head, and they develop on the glass in a way which seems to the looker on absolutely marvelous.—New York Times.

A Wonderful Creature.

The polyp is the most remarkable creature on earth. If cut transversely or longitudinally into several parts, each will become a perfect animal. Trembly turned them inside out and they ate and enjoyed themselves as much as ever. He slit two longitudinally, placed the halves together, and united them into two animals. He divided two transversely and created one with two heads. He pushed one down the throat of another, a third down the throat of the second, and thus formed a creature with three heads.

A Nautical Explanation.

In front of the Theater Royal at Oxford, England, are, or were, some gigantic stone figures, the age and object of which are buried in oblivion. Two sailors were going by and one of them asked, "Who are these fellows, Bill?"

"The 12 apostles," was the reply without a smile.

"Twelve apostles!" roared the incredulous Jack. "How can that be? There's only six of 'em."

"Well, y' swab," replied the learned Bill, "yer wouldn't have 'em all on deck at once, would ye?"—Leeds Mercury.

A "Daisy."

"You are a daisy" is used by Dickens in "David Copperfield" in the sense of calling a person a daisy in the way to express admiration and at the same time to laugh at one's credulity. Steerforth says to young Copperfield: "David, my daisy, you are so innocent of the world. Let me call you my daisy, as it is so refreshing to find one in these corrupt days so innocent and unsophisticated. My dear Copperfield, the daisies of the field are not fresher than you."

Something for the New Year.

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The Woman and the Directory.

"I have been amused many a time," said a clerk in a drug store, "to note the way women consult the directory. They never turn swiftly to a name like a man, skipping down through the alphabetical subclassification, but pore over it by sections, as if it were a novel. If a man doesn't find a name [illegible] where it ought to be, he [illegible] and walks off, but a woman [illegible] everything under that [illegible] she gives up. Moreover [illegible] be reminded of other [illegible] course of the search and never fail to look them up also.

"A lady came in one [illegible] down and opened the book [illegible] linger over one part for a [illegible] turn to another, keeping [illegible] with her fingers and bent [illegible] reading the whole thing. M[illegible] least half a dozen men collect [illegible] her, all waiting impatiently to get a chance at the volume. At last she turned around and was startled to see the crowd. 'Are you quite through, madam?' asked one of the men. 'Oh yes,' she replied, 'I was just running through it to see who was there.' It is an everyday occurrence for women to come in to wait for a car and get so interested in the directory that they miss a dozen or so. The book seems to have a weird fascination for the sex."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

"A Dangerous Man."

Here is a story illustrative of the ignorance of the colonies that once prevailed in the colonial office and is not yet entirely banished from Downing street. As we all know, the late Lord Carnarvon, when colonial secretary, officially recorded his opinion of Sir George Grey as "a dangerous man." Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, on one of his visits from Victoria, called upon Lord Carnarvon in Downing street, and in conversation chanced to introduce a reference to Sir George Grey.

"A very strange and comprehensible character," said Lord Carnarvon, with a shake of the head. "I hear he has now withdrawn to an island off the coast of New Zealand and surrounded himself with a number of wallabies."

"Oh, yes, I think that is not at all improbable," replied Sir Charles.

"You surprise me," rejoined Lord Carnarvon. "What must be the state of morality in a country where you make light of such a proceeding?"

"Why, my lord, what do you suppose a wallaby to be?"

"A half caste female, of course. Is that not so?"

"Certainly not; a wallaby is simply a small kangaroo."—London Chronicle.

Statistics of Marriage.

The chances at birth that baby will eventually marry are 9 in 20, or rather less than one half. This result may seem surprising, but it is largely accounted for by the great mortality of persons under marriageable age, especially of infants up to the age of 5. No fewer than 28 per cent of babies die before they are 5 years old, and 44 per cent of the whole population before the age of 18. In England, as in this country, according to belief, the females outnumber the males.

Out of every 100 persons now living 60 are single, 35 are married and 5 are widowed. So that on the average 1 person in every 20 you meet in the streets, in the train, or wherever it may be, will be either a widow or a widower and 3 out of 5 will be unmarried. In England an average husband and wife on their wedding day may expect to live together for 27 years, in France only 26, in Holland and Belgium 23, but in Russia 30.—New York Home Journal.

The Hebrew Flag.

One of the results of the Zionist congress at Basel is the reappearance of the Hebrew flag. At the meeting place of the delegates a flag was hoisted which had two blue stripes on a white field and between these the six pointed star, or sign of David. It was explained at that time that a similar flag was used as the standard of the Hebrews in the days of the Hebrew nation. Pictures and descriptions of the flag came to the United States with accounts of the proceedings of the congress, and dwellers in the New York Ghetto began to look for Hebrew flags. The consequence was that the American Flag company turned out a quantity, for which there was ready sale.—New York Tribune.

Digging For Fish.

The natives of Kottar, in Africa, are in the habit of digging every year, in the summer, the dry banks of the Vergel river for fish, which they dig out by hundreds, just as they would potatoes. The mud lumps are broken open and the fish, perhaps 8 or 10 inches long, will always be found alive, and often frisky, as if just removed from its supposedly native element—the water. In the dry beds of several African rivers a similar practice is often pursued. A kind of mud fish buries itself while the bottom is still moist, and remains there all the summer, waking up when the rains commence again.

Sandy's Criticisms.

A young Scotchman went to a London school of music, where he learned to play the violoncello fairly well.

On his return to his native village he gathered his friends together to hear his new instrument.

When he had played one or two tunes, he looked up expectantly.

After a slight pause his old grandfather spoke.

"Eh, mann!" he said, "it's a marcy there's na smell wi' it!"—Liverpool Mercury.

His Opportunity.

"I'd like something to eat," said the frazzled pilgrim at the kitchen door. "I'm that tired and hungry I don't know which way to turn." "I'll show you how to do that," encouragingly replied Farmer Haycraft, picking up a dull ax and leading him in the direction of the grindstone.—Chicago Tribune.

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Town Names.

The Cleveland Leader says that a man [illegible] in a local hotel the other day, giving [illegible] as Sleepy Eye, [illegible]. Half an hour later another guest [illegible] from Painted Post. [illegible] paid no especial attention to this [illegible] when the next man to register [illegible] wrote "White Pigeon, M[illegible]," after his name, both the clerk and the bookkeeper began to get interested.

While they were talking about the queer names that had been given to some of our western towns, a dignified looking man stepped up to the office, whirled the register around and scrawled "Horseheads, N. Y."

Domestic Repartee.

She had put on her hat and gloves and was moving toward the door, when he looked up from his newspaper and asked:

"Where are you going?"

"A husband with good sense never asks his wife where she is going."

"But I suppose a woman with good sense has the right to ask her husband where he is going?"

"A woman with good sense never does anything of the kind, because if she has good sense she won't marry, so she has no husband. Ta, ta!"

And it never dawned on her that she had called herself an idiot.—Pearson's Weekly.

His Enviable Lot.

Mr. Pitt—Since your friend Blinkins married Miss B[illegible] he has been leading the life of a dog.

Mr. Penn—I'm sorry for him.

"I'm not."

"Don't you sympathize with him?"

"Not at all. He has [illegible] to do but [illegible] him. It's the life of a pet pug dog he leads."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Once Too Often.

"What's all this excitement about?"

"Nothing worth mentioning. Man got knocked down."

"Accident?"

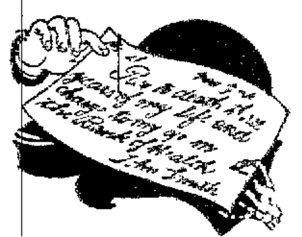
"Not exactly. One of those men who always catch hold of you and drag you out of the way when you happen to meet them at a crowded corner grabbed the wrong man [illegible]—that's all."—Chicago Tribune.

The Suspicious Mother.

Admire a baby and the mother always looks pleased. Admire the dog and she glares at you. Maybe the reason for this is that she is quite sure you do not wish to steal the baby, but isn't altogether certain regarding your affections where the dog is concerned.—Exchange.

In some of the European art galleries the dust is removed from the paintings and statuary by means of an air pump, a jet of air being thrown with great force against the article which needs dusting.

The New Zealand old age pensions bill [illegible] at the age of 65 and [illegible] for 20 years in the colony shall be entitled to a [illegible] annuity.



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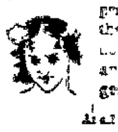

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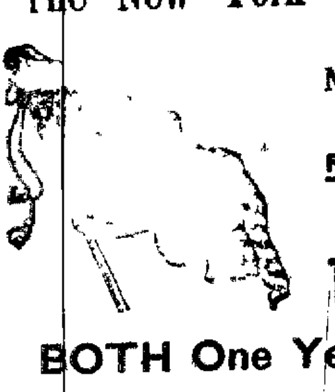

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COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad

Time Table, takes effect Monday June 14, 1896.

A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	EASTW'D. STATIONS. LV WESTW'D	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.
8.40	7 18	2.10	Ulysses	7.32	2.30	10.05
8.27	7.10	1.50	Crowell	7 41	2.39	10.14
8 23		1.56	Carpenter		2.41	10.16
8.19		1.52	Perkins		2.44	10.21
8.16	7 02	1.50	N'w'fd Ju'c'n	7 47	2.46	10.25
		1 46	Newfield	7.51	2 50	10 30
7.55	6.54	1 41	Gold	7.56	2.54	10.35
7.39	6 49	1.35	Raymond	7 59	3.00	10.40
7 33	6.40	1 34	Seven Bridge's	8.11	3.11	10.55
7 30	6.36	1.31	Colesburg	8.14	3.14	11 00
7 00	6.[illegible]	1 16	Frink's	8.30	3.30	11 20
6.50		1 08	Nor. C'port		3 31	11 30
6.45	6.15	1 00		8 36	3.36	11.36
6.30	7.07	12.55	Coudersport	8.41	[illegible]	1 30
		12.45	Hammond			
4.05	7 20	12.44	Olmsted	8.46	4.05	1.37
3.59	7 40	12.40	Mina	8.50	4.14	1.21
3.44		12.30	Knowlton		4.18	
3.40	7.36	12.30	Roulette	9.00	4.21	1.44
3.30	7.30	12.22	Burtville	9.06	4.30	1.46
3.26		12.18	Coleman		4.36	
3 20			Chemical Works			
3.15	7 10	12.10	Port Allegany	9.21	4.40	2.30
P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	Dep't. Arrive	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.

Trains run on eastern standard time.
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Time Table taking Effect June 5th, 1896.

LEAVE SMETHPORT.

- 8:20 A. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with P. & W. Ry for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.
- 10:30 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.
- 4:35 P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia, and at Bradford with Erie R. R. trains to Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport, daily except Sunday, at 9:40 a. m., 1:40 p. m. and 5:40 p. m.

JNO. G. [illegible]
[illegible]

TIME TABLE WESTERN NEW YORK PENNSYLVANIA

In effect April 18, 1898.

Trains leave Smethport for Larabee [illegible], Eldred, Olean, Bradford, Rochester and Buffalo as follows:

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday [illegible]
*Buffalo Mail, daily except Sunday [illegible]
Local for Olean daily except Sunday [illegible]
*Train leaving Smethport 2.31 p m [illegible] at Olean with River Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont and points south.
*Clermont Local daily ex Sunday 8.20 a. m.
Clermont Accommodation daily ex Sunday 12.1[illegible] p. m.
Clermont Accommodation daily ex Sunday [illegible]
*Clermont Local connects through to Johnsonburg.

For Larabee, Port Allegany, Coudersport and points south.
Mail, daily ex Sunday 11.[illegible] a. m.
Mail daily ex Sunday connects at Emporium for Philadelphia 6.2[illegible] p. m.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov 2[illegible] 189[illegible]

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD

8:20 a. m.—Train 8, weekdays, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6 23 p. m., New York [illegible] p. m., Baltimore 6 00 p. m., Washington [illegible] p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

3 20 p. m.—Train 6, weekdays, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4.30 a. m., New York 7 [illegible] a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7.30 a. m.

9:40 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6.52 a. m., New York 9.33 a. m. week days (10.38 a. m. Sundays) Baltimore 6.20 a. m., Washington 7 40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Washington and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport.

WESTWARD

5:10 a. m.—Train 9 weekdays for Erie, Ridgway, DuBois Clermont and intermediate stations.
10:00 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and weekdays for DuBois and intermediate stations.
6 20 p. m.—Train 15, weekdays, for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH

Train 9 leaves New York 5 50 p. m., Philadelphia 8.50 p. m., Washington 7.20 p. m., Baltimore 8.40 p. m., arriving at Emporium Junction 5 10 a. m. weekdays with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Train 3, leaves New York 7 40 p. m., Philadelphia 11.20 p. m., Washington 10 40 p. m., Baltimore 11.45 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium Junc. 10:00 a. m., with Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and Baltimore to Williamsport on Sundays only, Pullman sleeper Philadelphia to Erie.

Train 15 leaves Philadelphia 8.30 a. m., Washington 7.50 a. m., Baltimore 8.50 a.m., Wilkesbarre 10 15 a. m. weekdays arriving at Emporium Junction 6 20 p. m. with Pullman parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Kane.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD

Weekdays

NORTH A. M. Lv	STATIONS.	SOUTH Ar A. M.
8 54	Ridgway	11 [illegible]
9 10	Johnsonburg	11 [illegible]
9 2[illegible]	Bendigo	11 [illegible]
9 [illegible]	Glen Hazel	11 15
9 36	Straight	11 [illegible]
9 41	Instanter	11 [illegible]
9 48	Smith's Run	10 [illegible]
9 56	Woodvale	[illegible]
10 00	Clermont	[illegible]
A. M.		A. M.

Connections are made with train 3 leaving Johnsonburg at 11:06 a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 3 45 p. m. and at Ridgway with train 6 leaving Ridgway at 3 30 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

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Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

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LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST BOUND

8.10 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.
2 40 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, and Rochester.
4.35 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily. For Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH BOUND

7 34 a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.
1 38 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

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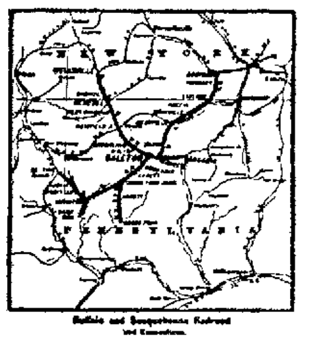

Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad and Connections.

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA RAILROAD

Condensed time table in effect June [illegible]

Read up A.M.	P.M.	P.M.		Read down A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
8 56	7.30	1.25 ar	Keating Summit lv		1.2[illegible]	
8 10	7 06	12.00	Austin	6 40	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	11 53	Costello	6.4[illegible]	[illegible]	
	6 46	11 41	Wharton	6 [illegible]	[illegible]	
	6 00	10 5[illegible]	Cross Fork Jct	7 44		
	5 31	10 [illegible]	Corbett	8 11	[illegible]	
	5.20	1[illegible] 18	Germania	8.[illegible]	[illegible]	
	5 13	10 12 lv	Galeton ar	8 [illegible]		
P M 7 10	A M 12 53	10 00 ar	Galeton lv	8 [illegible]	[illegible]	
6.56	12 41	9 42	Gaines	8.[illegible]		
6.30	12 17	9 06	Sabinsville	[illegible]	[illegible]	
6.15	12 06	8 52	Westfield	9 41	[illegible]	
6 05	11 50	8 30	Knoxville	9 47	[illegible]	
5 55	11 41	8.07	Osceola	9 58	[illegible]	
5.51	11 36	7.56	Elkland	10 03	[illegible]	
5 13	11 05	7 15 lv	Addison ar	10 34	[illegible]	
P.M.	A.M.	A.M.		A.M.	P.M.	
	P M 5.10	A M 10 00 ar	Galeton lv	A M 6 [illegible]	P M [illegible]	
	4 51	9.41	Walton	6.4[illegible]	[illegible]	
	4 27	9 17	Newfield Jct.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
	4.00	8 50	West Bingham	7 30		
	3.46	8 48	Genesee	7 [illegible]		
	3 53	8 43	Hinsdale	[illegible]	[illegible]	
	3 30	8.20 lv	Wellsville ar	8.0[illegible]	[illegible]	
	P.M. 4 40	A M 10.10 ar	Galeton lv	A M [illegible]	P M	
	4 30	9 58	Gaines	[illegible]		
	3.50	9 20 lv	Ansonia ar	1 15	3 [illegible]	
	P M 2 00	A M 7 30 ar	Cross Fork Jct lv	A M 11 [illegible]	P M	
	1 00	6 30 lv	Cross Fork ar	12.10	[illegible]	

N. B.—Train leaves Keating Summit [illegible] arriving at Austin at [illegible]

All trains daily except Sunday.

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At Keating S't with W. N. Y. & P. [illegible]
At Ansonia with F. B. R'y union station.
At Newfield Jct. with C. & P. A. [illegible]
At Genesee with N. Y. & P. union station.
At Addison with Erie R.R. union station.
At Wellsville with Erie R. R.

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ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R

To take effect at 5 o'clock a.m., Monday April [illegible] 1897.

South			Stations		North	
2 50			Clermont		1 45	
2 56			Chatham		1 40	
3 00			Wildwood		1 14	
3 01			North Fork		1 13	
3 11			Kay Fork		12 5[illegible]	
3 14			Gray Gables		12 51	
3 30	7 40	Ar Lv	St. Marys	Lv Ar	12 45	11 [illegible]
3 36	7 45		Kaul		10 [illegible]	
3 42	7 51		Daguscahonda		10 43	
3 46	7 [illegible]		Groll		10 31	
3 56	8 04		Gillen		10 [illegible]	
4 00	8 10		Paine		10 [illegible]	
4 06	8 18		Centreville		10 [illegible]	
4 14	8 20		Dagus Crossing		10 [illegible]	
4 24	8 30		Shelvey Summit		10 [illegible]	
4 30	8 36		Casso		9 [illegible]	
4 35	8 40		Thompson		9 53	
4 38	8 43		Curry		9 48	
4 44	8 48		Brandy Camp		9 43	
4 46	8 51		Kibon		9 41	
4 56	9 00		Hyde		9 [illegible]	
5 10	9 10		Shawmut		9 15	
P.M.	A.M.				A.M.	

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